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PART 1: TERMS OF SERVICE

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FRESH BREEZE. CLEAN AIR.

ONLY SILENCE. NO BUZZING TRAFFIC. NO KNOTTED MEGWAYS.

WHAT HAPPENED?

EVERYTHING WAS GONE, *EVERYONE* WAS GONE. EVERYONE EXCEPT--

JUDGE DREDD®

DREDD TO CONTROL.

SHLLT

DREDD TO CONTROL.

SHLLT

GRUD DAMN IT.

MEGA-CITY ONE JUDGES ARE ALWAYS PREPARED AND KNOW THE PROTOCOL BETTER THAN MOST.

S.E.E. PROTOCOL--SURVIVE. EVALUATE. ENFORCE.

SURVIVE.

JUSTICE DEPT LG-17K

FORTY-FIVE ROUNDS LEFT. TWENTY-FIVE STANDARD EXECUTION. FOUR HI-EX. FIVE ARMOR-PIERCING. SEVEN RICOCHET. FOUR INCENDIARY. ZERO HEAT-SEEKER.

EVALUATE.

NOT DRUGGED. THAT MEANS WHAT I'M SEEING IS REAL.

MAC* PORTABLE SEEMS TO BE IN WORKING ORDER. SIGNAL ONLY PICKING UP STATIC. THIS CAN'T BE A HOLO-SIM--AIR DOESN'T TASTE RECIRCULATED. BUT THE CURSED EARTH CAN'T GROW THIS MUCH VEGETATION EITHER.

ENFORCE.

*MACRO ANALYSIS COMPUTER --EDITOR DROID

LEFT FOR DEAD? NO. PERPS WOULD HAVE FINISHED ME OFF. SOMETHING WENT WRONG. SOMETHING MUST BE SCREWING WITH THE SIGNAL--COORDINATES SAY I'M IN SECTOR 289, MEGA-CITY ONE... BUT THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT.

MAC, READ OUT THE LAST ENTRY MADE IN MY CASE LOG.

CASE 01-12-2324: 3:45 A.M.--RECEIVED A CALL FROM CONTROL TO INVESTIGATE--

--A MASS DISAPPEARANCE IN THE ANGELA DAVIS BLOCK. ONE OF SEVERAL IN THE PAST MONTH. AT LAST COUNT, 13,450 CITIZENS GONE.

IT'S OTHERWORLDLY. NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

A CRIME ON THIS SCALE IS DAMN NEAR IMPOSSIBLE. AT LEAST ONE JUDGE WOULD'VE CAUGHT A LEAD.

KIDNAPPINGS DON'T WORK WITH PSI-DIVISION, THERE ARE ALWAYS PSYCHIC VIBRATIONS LEFT BEHIND. I CAN USUALLY FEEL IT LEADING ME STRAIGHT TO THE PERP. BUT THIS IS JUST A HOLE, LIKE EVERYONE JUST DROPPED OUT.

ANY IMPRESSIONS FROM THE JUDGES IN THERE?

NOTHING I CAN FEEL. IF THERE ARE JUDGES IN ON IT, THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT.

ALL RIGHT, CALL IT IN TO CONTROL. WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME HERE. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THIS ISN'T A KIDNAPPING, BUT SOME KIND OF BIOLOGICAL ATTACK.

DREDD... CONTROL'S GONE SILENT.

--PUPPY-HATING MOTHER DROKKER!

--WE DON'T PLAY THAT PUPPY-HATING SHITE!

ATTENTION, CITIZEN, THIS IS A RESTRICTED--

--RESTRICTED? I AIN'T RESTRICTING NOTHING! YOU GET OFF THE SIGNAL!

YOU ARE GETTING BLUED TODAY, PUS-WAD!

I'M KICKING PUPPIES EVERY DAY! NO MATTER WHAT YOU KIDS SAY!

I LOVE THE WAY EYEBALLS FEEL ON MY FINGERS.

PULL OUT HIS EYES!

FREEZE, SCUMBAGS!

YOU ARE ALL UNDER ARREST FOR ASSAULTING AN INNOCENT--

HE'S NOT INNOCENT! WE CAUGHT HIM KICKING PUPPIES!

EVERYONE BE QUIET BEFORE I HAUL YOU ALL IN FOR--

GIVE ME THAT GUN! I'LL SHOOT 'EM MYSELF!

BOOM

YEAH! YOU SHOWED THAT CREEPO!

UPLOAD DAT TO THE ANG AVI STATS!

UPLOAD THIS...

...ATTEMPTED ASSAULT IS FIVE YEARS IN AN ISO-CUBE. YOU TWO ARE GETTING THREE YEARS FOR ASSISTING THE ATTEMPT.

QUICK, RUN! THIS GUY IS A FRIGGIN' SLAVER!

UNLESS YOU WANT ANOTHER FIVE YEARS FOR RESISTING ARREST, YOU'RE COMING WITH ME TO THE NEAREST MEGA-BLOCK.

NOW WHAT ARE YOUR NAMES? HOW FAR ARE WE FROM MEGA-CITY ONE?

I'M LOLO, QUILL IS THE ONE THAT LIKES THE EYEBALLS, AND THAT'S IGGY. SHE IS REALLY NICE.

BJH, WHAT IS A MEH-GAH-SEE-TEE?

WE ARE FROM THE GRASS.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?

NO ONE FROM THE GRASS HAS PARENTS

YOU'RE NOT FROM AROUND HERE, ARE YOJ?

...WHAT THE DROKK?

!!!

IT'S THE HERD!

FINALLY I'M GO NG TO GET INSIDE ANG AVI! YOU'RE NOBODY T L YOU'RE SOMEBODY IN ANG AVI!

..DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. A MEGA-BLOCK WITH NO MEGA-CITY.

WHAT'S A MEGA-BLOCK?

WE DESERVE LOVE! FEMALES DESERVE HATE! PLEASE DON'T REJECT US! WE ARE ACTUALLY NICE GUYS!

EAT YOUR CHILDREN, IT'LL REDUCE THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINT, AND YOU'LL FEEL BETTER FOR IT!

I DECLARE IF YOUR WORLDVIEW PRECLUDES THE EXISTENCE OF PARTICULAR WAYS OF BEING, THEN THE WORLDVIEW NEEDS REFORMING!

EXCUSE ME, BUT I AM AN *IMPORTANT* CULTURAL CONVERSATION LEADER. THE PUBLIC NEEDS CRITICAL VOICES LIKE MINE TO KNOW WHAT TO THINK!

VIOLATIONS OF THE TERMS OF SERVICE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

ALL ACCESS TO THE MOG AVI HAS BEEN DENIED.

HEY! THAT'S NOT FAIR! I HATED THAT GUY, TOO!

LET US IN! YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO US!

GRR...

BRAAOMMMMM

NNOOOOOOOOOO! THE GATE IS CLOSING!

THAT'S NOT EVEN A LITTLE FAIR! I WAS SO READY!

OKAY, LISTEN--THIS IS MY BEST JOKE, WHEN I WAS 11 YEARS OLD, I STARTED GROWING HAIR *EVERYWHERE!*

WILL YOU SHUT UP AND STAY CLOSE?!

IT WAS THE PITS!

QUICK! RUN THE R POCKETS!

=COUGH= THAT'S ENOUGH.

WHAT'S YOUR MALFJNCT ON?!

F THERE'S A MEGA-BLOCK HERE, THERE HAS TO BE A HOLD NG CELL. I'M PUTTING YOU GUYS IN IT AND LEAVING YOJ THERE, WHEREVER THE DROKK IT IS.

I'M GOING TO DEAL WITH THESE TWO RJST BUCKETS AND F ND SOMEBODY SMARTER THAN YOU KRJDS.

ROBOT! STEP ASIDE, YOU'RE IN SEVERE DISREPA.R. ANY ACT ON TAKEN WILL BE CONSIDERED CAUSE FOR DESTRUCTION.

I HAVE THREE JUVENILES. I NEED TO GET NS DE FOR PROCESS NG.

DID YOU HEAR THAT, GUYS? HE'S GONNA GET US NTO ANG AV!

UPDATE FOUND GATEKEEPER_SYS MUST ACCEPT TERMS OF SERVICE.

OKAY, USERNAME: JUDGE DREDD. ACCESS CODE: HI-EX!

ATTEMPTED TROJAN INFILTRATION ATTACK IN PROGRESS. ELIMINATE ELIMINATE.

WHAT IS YOUR USER NAME AND ACCESS CODE?!

ELIMINATE. ELIMINATE. ATTEMPTED SYSOP-HACK. ELIMINATE.

HE JUST HEADSHOT THAT GATEKEEPER!

I DIDN'T KNOW WE COULD DO THAT!

HE'S THE SYSOP FOR THE GEN POP!

WHO IS THIS GUY?!

JUG DRESS!

BLAM BLAM

GET OUT OF HERE! NOW!

MOVE!

WOOO!

DAMN IT! I SAID MOVE!

TARGET ACQUIRED

ZARRR

ZARRRR

ZARRRR

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE: TEN YEARS. YOU'VE GOT MORE TIME IN AN ISO-CUBE THAN YOU'VE BEEN ALIVE.

DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT YOU KNOW I JUST SAVED YOUR BUTT.

AM I WRONG?

SKEZ

BLZT

FOOM

COME ON, EVERYONE! LET'S SHOW THIS RUSTY SCITCH WHO ARE THE REAL GATEKEEPERS!

HOLD ON.

HJH?! WHY?

FOOM!

ZAAAR RR

LOOK AT THEM, *RUNNING* INTO BJLLETS. THEY ARE FOLLOWING WHATEVER ANYONE SAYS

NO, THEY ARE NOT MINDLESS. I HAD A GOOD IDEA, AND EVERYONE LISTENED TO ME, AND THEY ALL DECIDED TO DO IT TOO 'CAJSE I'M SO *INFLUENTIAL.*

BJT FOLLOWING S NICE

YOU JJST SAID WHAT EVERYONE WAS ALREADY DOING, YOU DOOFUS.

WHAT ABOUT THE DUDE, WHATSISNAME? JUDGE DAD? D DN'T HE SAY HE WOJLD TAKE JS TO ANG AVI? WE CAN'T JUST LET HIM GET BJJED.

HIS NAME IS GRJB RED--BJT FORGET H M, I'M THE CAPTAIN NOW. I'LL GET YOL IN.

HE TOOK JS TO IT, NOT *IN* IT. IF HE CAN GET OJT OF THAT PILE, THEN HE CAN GET JS .NTO *ANG AVI...*

WHAT HAPPENS IF HE DOESN'T?

THEN WE KNOW HUGE BED *AIN'T SHITE.*

SKLLLBLLT

A LIFE OF SOLITUDE, ALONE IN THE DARK UNTIL I DIE IN ANGUISH, EVERYONE GETS AN AVATAR IF THEY WANT--

BEEP!

IF I HAD AN AVATAR, I'D BE FREE TO BE WHO I REALLY AM. A COOLER VERSION OF MYSELF THAT EVERYONE THINKS IS ME.

WATCH OUT, IGGY!

THAT'S ENOUGH. WHEREVER THE HELL I AM, WHATEVER THE TERMS OF SERVICE, IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I AM THE--

GULP!

WE ARRESTED YOU, NOW YOU BR.NG US NSIDE OF ANG AVI, OKAY, JUDGE DAD?

DREDD. *JUDGE DREDD.* DO NOT CALL ME JUDGE DAD EVER AGA.N.

YOU'RE SO WONDERFJL, IT'S .IKE YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT US MORE THAN SOCAP

WHATEVER, MAN! GET US THE DROKK INSIDE ALREADY!

I GOT AN EYEBALL.

WHAT? I LOVE EYES.

THE ANG AVI BLOCKERS COME OUT OF THESE AT NIGHT. THEY DON'T SEE ME, BUT I SEE THEM, *WITH MY EYES.*

YES! I LOVE CRAWLING! I USED TO CRAWL ALL THE TIME AS A BABY. LONGER THAN MOST BAB ES, ACTUALLY!

COLD. DIRTY. DREDD COULD SMELL IT, FEEL IT ON HIS SKIN

I AM NOT DRESSED TO BE FUNNY.

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING FAMILIAR.

DOES EVERYONE WEAR THOSE FUNNY SHOULDER PADS IN MEGA-CITY-ONE?

I SAW THOSE FUNNY SHOULDER PADS BEFORE. THEY USED TO DRESS LIKE THAT BEFORE THE YEARS RAN OUT.

BEFORE THE YEARS RAN OUT?

WHAT YEAR *DO YOU* THINK IT IS?

I DON'T KNOW, IT'S YEAR ZERO EVERY YEAR--

--DUCK!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

ZNARRRR

CLANG

DO NOT. MOVE.

WANT TO HEAR A JOKE?

NO!

KRK

KRK

KRCH

ECHO CHAMBER

COLD. DIRTY. DREDD COULD SMELL IT, FEEL IT ON HIS SKIN. THIS FEELS LIKE--

ANG AVI. ANGELA. DAVIS. BLOCK. *THIS IS MEGA-CITY ONE.*

IT'S ALL... GONE.

HEY, CHEER UP, JUDGE DAD. WELCOME TO OUR NEW HOME.

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PART 2: FLAME WARS

SQUISH

BULLSEYE

PUP

HEY, PAL, WHAT'S YOUR USERNAME?

CITIZEN, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS, I NEED TO SPEAK TO WHOEVER IS IN CHARGE--

I JUST WANT TO KNOW YOUR USERNAME SO I CAN KEEP UP WITH YOU.

WE DON'T GOT NO USERNAMES! WE GOT

JUDGE DREDD

RIPP'D

NO JSERNAMES? NO WAY!

THAT'S A GREAT WAY TO TROG PEOPLE, YO. TELL NG THEM YOU DON'T HAVE A JSERNAME?

NAIL IT

THE PERSON .N CHARGE. NOW.

BS

CONTIN ?

MY BAD, YO

SPES STO

YOU MEAN A SYS-OP?

I'M ALWAYS FALLING FOR THESE TROGS, YO

ALWAYS LOOK NG TO R LE THEMSELVES UP.

WHY ARE THEY LOOKING AT JS LIKE THAT?

LIKE THEY'RE WAITING FOR JS TO DO SOMETHING?

ZUMM

A SYS-OP HAS BEEN REQUESTED?

I'M JJDGE DREDD. LET'S CLEAR THESE CIT ZENS FROM THE PLAZA--THE CROWD SEEMS AGITATED AND WE HAVE A *LOT* TO D SCUSS.

SO HOW EXACTLY CAN I HELP YOU?

HELP ME? THIS MEGA-BLOCK ISN'T MAKING AN EFFORT TO CURB UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR-- I'VE SEEN 55 CRIMES COMMITTED SINCE I GOT HERE--BUT FIRST OFF...

...WHAT THE DROKK HAPPENED TO MEGA-CITY ONE?!

SIR, THIS TROG ATTEMPT IS OBVIOUS AND RUDE.

WE HAVE BEEN TROG-FREE FOR 25 DAYS, AND THIS IS TOO SOON FOR ANOTHER OUTBREAK.

MHM. YES OF COURSE.

PING

STOP! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

I AM A JUDGE OF MEGA-CITY ONE, AND AS LONG AS ONE MEGA-BLOCK STANDS, THE LAW STANDS. YOU AND THIS MEGA-BLOCK ARE IN VIOLATION OF--

--OF EVERYTHING.

SORRY. WE HAVE A STRICT RULE TO NOT ENGAGE WITH YOUR TYPES. IT'LL ONLY MAKE YOU STRONGER AND DUMBER.

I HAVE HAD ENOUGH. THIS BLOCK IS NOW UNDER JUDGE CONTROL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FOR GENERAL DISORDER.

YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR--

NO! NO! I THINK YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, BUDDY!

PFFT, SUCH A PATHETIC THROWBACK.

UGH! NOT AGAIN! DO NOT ENGAGE WITH HIM! HE IS A TROG!

WE ARE ALL UNDER ARREST!

I DON'T THINK I LIKE IT HERE ANYMORE.

WE GOT THIS. WE GOT THIS LIKE WE BASHED THAT GATEKEEPER!

GET BEHIND ME

ON SALE NOW

I'LL LOOK SO *ARRESTING* WHEN I'M ENFORC.NG THE LAW NOW!

ORDER ME ONE!

I'M GETT NG TWO!

ORDERED

PRE?

T NEW TREND: OVER 1000 AUTHORITY FIGURE UNIFORMS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHIPPED. DRONE-DELIVERY IN 20.3 SECONDS

WHEN I PUT TH.S COSTUME ON, I'M GOING TO LAW YOJ SO HARD!

DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THE LAW .S?!

IT WAS A WHOLE SYSTEM OF HIERARCH.CAL CONTROL DESIGNED TO BENEFIT A RULING CLASS--

YOU JUST READ THAT OFF THE AV-YLPEDIA! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LAW IS! THE LAW IS FOR EVERYONE! I CAN BE THE LAW!

LOOK! YOU AND HIM SHOULD BE FRIENDS!

IGGY-- STOP!

DON'T LEAVE ME! IGGY! C'MON, QJ LL!

SWAT

BACK OFF!

QUILL! GGY!

THREE JUVES JUST RAN PAST HERE--DARK SK N, WILD HA R. HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

I LOVE LAW!

QJICKLY, CL MB THROUGH THE WINDOW, YOL STARTED ONE HELL OF A FLAME WAR, THERE WON'T BE A WAY OUT FOR HOURS

ANDERSON?!

I HOPE YOU LIKE IT. IT IS A GEN-J-INE RECREATION, NOT ONE OF THOSE CHEAP KNOCKOFFS FROM A REPLIMAT.

HELLO, MY USERNAME IS TROG LODY. GOOD WORK OUT THERE GETTING THOSE BUFFOONS ALL WORKED UP.

THE OLD-SCHOOL JUDGE COSTUME WAS A N CE TOUCH, TOO.

ONCE I SAW YOU ON MY HOLOPAD, I KNEW YOU WERE D FFERENT, NOT A POSER FOLLOWING THE LATEST BLOCK MANIA.

THIS IS WORSE THAN BLOCK MAN A. THIS IS PURE ANARCHY.

AH, YOU PICKED UP ON OUR SYSTEM HERE? NO RJLES, SOMETIMES THEY SELECT A USER TO BE A TEMPORARY SYSTEM OPERATOR, IT WORKS MOSTLY. WE TROGS SHAKE IT UP SOMET MES--FIND THE BAD FRUITS.

JUST LIKE THE JUDGES--WEREN'T THEY SOMETHING?! JUDGE MAYBE BY FAR THE MOST FASCINATING.

I AM NOT A TROG.

AND P. MAYBE WAS NOT A JUDGE. HE WAS A MASS-MURDER NG PSYCHOPATH.

YOU CAN'T SAY *THAT*, YOU WEREN'T *THERE*, HOW WOJLD YOJ *KNOW*?!

I WAS THERE. I AM JLDGE JOSEPH DREDD.

NO WAY. WHOA MIND TRIPPY. TH NGS'VE BEEN GETTING WE RD AROUND HERE, AND NOW YOU!

I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS I WANT TO ASK YOU, I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEG.N--

YOU CAN START BY TEL..NG ME WHAT HAPPENED TO MEGA-C TY ONE.

...THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU. THAT'S THE GREATEST MYSTERY IN ALL OF JUDGE H STORY.

NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO MEGA-C TY ONE. IT ALMOST SEEMS L KE, NO ONE *EVER* KNEW.

...

THEN MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THE DROKK IS A TROG?

IN A TOTALLY FREE SOCIETY, THERE'S ALWAYS PEOPLE WHO JUST WANNA START SOMETH.NG, SO THE TROGS GO OJT AND GET THEM TO START SOMETHING! THEN WE GOT A REASON TO THROW THEM OUT! OUT TO THE GRASS!

...AFTER A WH.LE EVERYONE SA.D WE WERE JJST R.L NG PEOPLE UP FOR F.JN. SYS-OPS R.LED THAT TROGGING WASN'T ACCEPTED IN THE TERMS OF SERV CE. THEY D.DN'T REA.IZE THAT TROGS WERE TRYING TO MAKE THEM EVEN FREER! 'CAUSE THE TRJTH IS, ALL YOU NEED IS *ONE BAD APPLE* TO RUIN PURE FREEDOM.

YOU KNOW HOW IT S--JJDGES, POL CE FORCES, ALWAYS JJST LOOK NG FOR THEM AG TATORS!

ONE JNCHALLENGED BAD IDEA. THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO DESTROY A PERFECT WORLD! TROGS JJST PROVOKED PEOPLE NTO GIVING THEMSELVES AWAY, BJT THEN THEY'D ATTACK US!

MAYBE THE JJDGES WENT TOO FAR, BUT JS TROGS JJST JSED OJR WORDS! I DON'T GET HOW IT WENT WRONG...

DEMOCRACY REJECTED!!

JUSTICE FOR ALL

COURT IS ADJOURN ED

THE JUDGES ARE COMING

VIOLENCE S THE WORST IDEA! YOJ HIT A TROG, AND YOJ ARE JJST GOING TO MAKE THEM STRONGER! WHY CAN'T PEOPLE JJST TA.K THINGS OJT?

DROKKING BRATS.

YES, BRATS, THAT'S ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT!

NO, THREE G RLS .N A WORLD WITH NO RJLES, THEY'RE PROBAB.Y WORSE OFF N THIS DROKK.NG BLOCK THAN THE GRASS. WE NEED TO F.ND THOSE GIRLS.

OH, YEAH, YEAH, OF COURSE. THE GIRLS.

MAYBE IF WE ACCESS THE CENTRAL NODE, WE CAN TRACK ANY TOS V OLAT ONS WITH POPULATION MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE BLOCK.

G VE ME ONE SECOND--LET ME GET READY.

I HAVE TO SAY, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET TO EXPERIENCE SOME LAW! NOW I'M GONNA GO OUT AND *DO CLASSIC-STYLE LAW!* I'M ALREADY FEELING A SURGE OF UNDENIABLE POWER! NO WONDER YOU GUYS COULDN'T STOP!

WHATTYA THINK? ALL IT NEEDS IS THE FINAL TOUCH!

LAW

MY NAME IS *JUDGE TROG!*

OKAY, SEZ HERE THAT IN ANCIENT AMER.CA, ONLY NINE OF JS CAN BE A JUDGE--

BUT WOULDN'T WE HAVE TO FIND A CR ME TO JUDGE THEM FOR?

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. HOW DOES ONE DEC.DE WHAT A CRIME IS?

I TH NK YOU TAKE AWAY ALL THE RIGHT CHO CES, SO THEY ONLY CHOOSE THE WRONG ONE, THEN WE PUN SH THEM FOR THAT. THAT'S A CRIME

NOOOOO, CR MES ARE WHEN ONE PERSON WANTS TO BE A BAD GUY, SO WE MAKE BIGGER BAD GUYS TO CATCH THEM!

YOU GJYS ARE MAKING *ME* SAD RIGHT NOW. THAT MAKES YOU *ALL* CRIMINALS.

I GUESS BY THOSE ANTIQUATED STANDARDS, WE ALL ARE CRIMINALS!

I HEREBY DECLARE THIS INAJGURAL COURT HEARING TO BE A CR ME. ARREST JS.

WAIT! THEY SAID IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY COSTUMES ON, YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT LAW!

THOSE NO-COSTUME-HAVING KIDS WERE ALWAYS THE CRIMINALS!

YOU HAVE BEEN JUDGED!

DEATH BY PUPPY-KICK!

JUDGING IS FUN! *THIS SHOULD BE HOW LIFE IS ALL THE TIME.*

YOU ARE SO RIGHT. IMAG NE F WE COULD ALWAYS THREATEN PEOPLE'S LIVES AND NOT HAVE TO PAY SOCAP TO DO IT.

IT'D BE THE MORAL THING TO DO.

.F I'M GO NG TO D E, AT LEAST I'M GOING TO D E WITH PUPPIES.

SO, WHEN WE F ND THE CHILDREN, WHAT WOULD A JUDGE L KE YOURSELF DO WITH THEIR CAPTORS?

THEY WILL PROBABLY BE SENTENCED FOR KIDNAPPING.

SURELY, YOU DON'T MEAN CAPTIVITY. THAT IS QUITE CRUEL. A N CE UNF LTERED ARGUMENT SHOULD DO. THEY E.THER ACCEPT THEY SHOULD REMOVE THEMSELVES OR YOU CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION!

LAW

YOU ARE WRONG, DEAD WRONG--I AM THE ONLY AUTHOR TY.

..I AM NOT WRONG. PLEASE STOP SAYING THAT.

I D D NOT ASK FOR A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION. YOU ARE ASSIST.NG ME IN FINDING THE CHILDREN I ARRIVED W TH.

OF COURSE. THE CH LDREN.

YOU'RE GONNA WANNA BE CAREFUL WITH THAT TH.NG IN HERE THE COOLANT TANKS ARE HIGHLY FLAMMABLE

LOOKS LIKE ALL THE BLOCK RES DENTS ARE CONVERGING ON THE GARDEN LEVELS. THOSE ARE THE JPPER LEVELS--GREAT VIEWS, GREAT FOOD, GREAT SPOT TO KICK PUPPIES FROM.

UNPLUG, LET'S MOVE.

ARE YOU GOING TO EXECUTE ANYONE WHEN WE GET THERE?

PERPS RESIST ARREST, MAKE THE MISTAKE OF ATTACKING A JUDGE--A LETHAL RESPONSE IS NECESSARY.

BUT SURELY, YOU WILL TRY AND AGITATE THEM FIRST WITH SOME GOOD BANTER! TO PLAY DEVIL'S ADVOCATE WITH THE JUDGE DREDD, I AM SO HONORED!

THIS ISN'T DROKKING BANTER. RESIST ARREST. LETHAL RESPONSE.

WHO MADE YOU KING?

BYE-BYE, LITTLE GIRL!

IGGY! NO!

EVERYONE FREEZE!

HE'S BREAKING OUR LAWS! ARREST HIM!

FIRE

LAW

NO, NO, NO, YOU AREN'T ENGAGING THEM AT ALL! YOU D DN'T EVEN TRY TO NTELLECTUALLY JPSET THE R PO.NT OF VIEW!

THIS IS NOT THE LAW!

DREDD! HELP!

HEEEE ISSSS THE LAAAW.

WHAT A BRJTE. THIS ISN'T ABOJT IDEAS! THIS ISN'T ABOLT MAKING SURE IT'S THE BEST SOCIETY WE CAN HAVE.

F THEY WANTED TO KICK SOME LITTLE GIRLS OFF OF A ROOF, MAYBE THEY HAD A GOOD REASON.

YOU JUST WANNA PUT YOURSELF ON TOP, BUT WE ARE ALL N THIS TOGETHER.

I WAS WRONG. I WAS SO, SO WRONG. EVEN A TROG HAS LIMITS.

ARE YOU OKAY--?

A TROG DOESN'T STOP PEOPLE FROM WHAT THEY WANNA DO.

WE F.ND THE ONE PERSON WHO WANTS TO STOP *EVERYONE ELSE* FROM WHAT THEY WANNA DO.

BLAMMM

WE REMOVE THEM. REMOVE THEM AND THE R BAD IDEAS.

BAD IDEA: YOU ARE THE LAW!

BAD IDEA: THIS IS THE BEST FOR EVERYONE!

BAD IDEAS MUST BE REMOVED!

LAW

GIRLS, F.ND COVER.

BUT YOJ'RE HURT.

BUT THE WORLD LIVES ON WITHOUT JUDGES!

IGGY, COME ON, WE CAN HELP H M IF WE GET OUT OF THE WAY.

I BET YOU BLEW IT UP! I BET THE JUDGES BLEW UP THE WHOLE DAMN MEGA-CITY!

SENTENCED US ALL TO DIE!

CAN YOU LIVE WITHOUT THE LAW?!

DON'T YOU SEE HOW I CHALLENGE YOU INTELLECTUALLY?! THIS IS BANTER! THIS IS HOW WE RESOLVE DISPUTES!

CROWD-SOURCED DEMOCRACY, PARTICIPATORY CULTURE, INFORMED ANARCHY! THE BEST IDEAS THRIVE!

LAW

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT THING?

THAT'S A TROG. TROGS ARE REAL BAD GUYS.

THEY ALWAYS ACT LIKE THEY'RE YOUR FRIEND AT FIRST, BUT THEY REALLY JUST WANNA CONVINCE YOU HOW RIGHT THEY ARE.

THEY'RE SO JUDGMENTAL

JUDGMENTAL? DOES THAT MEAN BEING JUDGMENTAL MAKES YOU A BAD GUY?

YES, SO? HE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE A BAD GUY IF HE WANTS.

BUT AREN'T YOU S'POSED TO BE THE LAW? DON'T YOU HAVE TO JUDGE THE BAD GUYS?

OMG. YOU'RE SO RIGHT!

JUDGES, WE WERE RIGHT, BUT NOW WE ARE WRONG!

WE ARE ALL BAD GUYS! WE MUST ALL BE JUDGED.

COP

THIS MEGA-BLOCK IS IN DISORDER. WE ARE THE LAW.

WHAT?!

THIS DOESN'T SEEM GOOD.

WE.

LAW

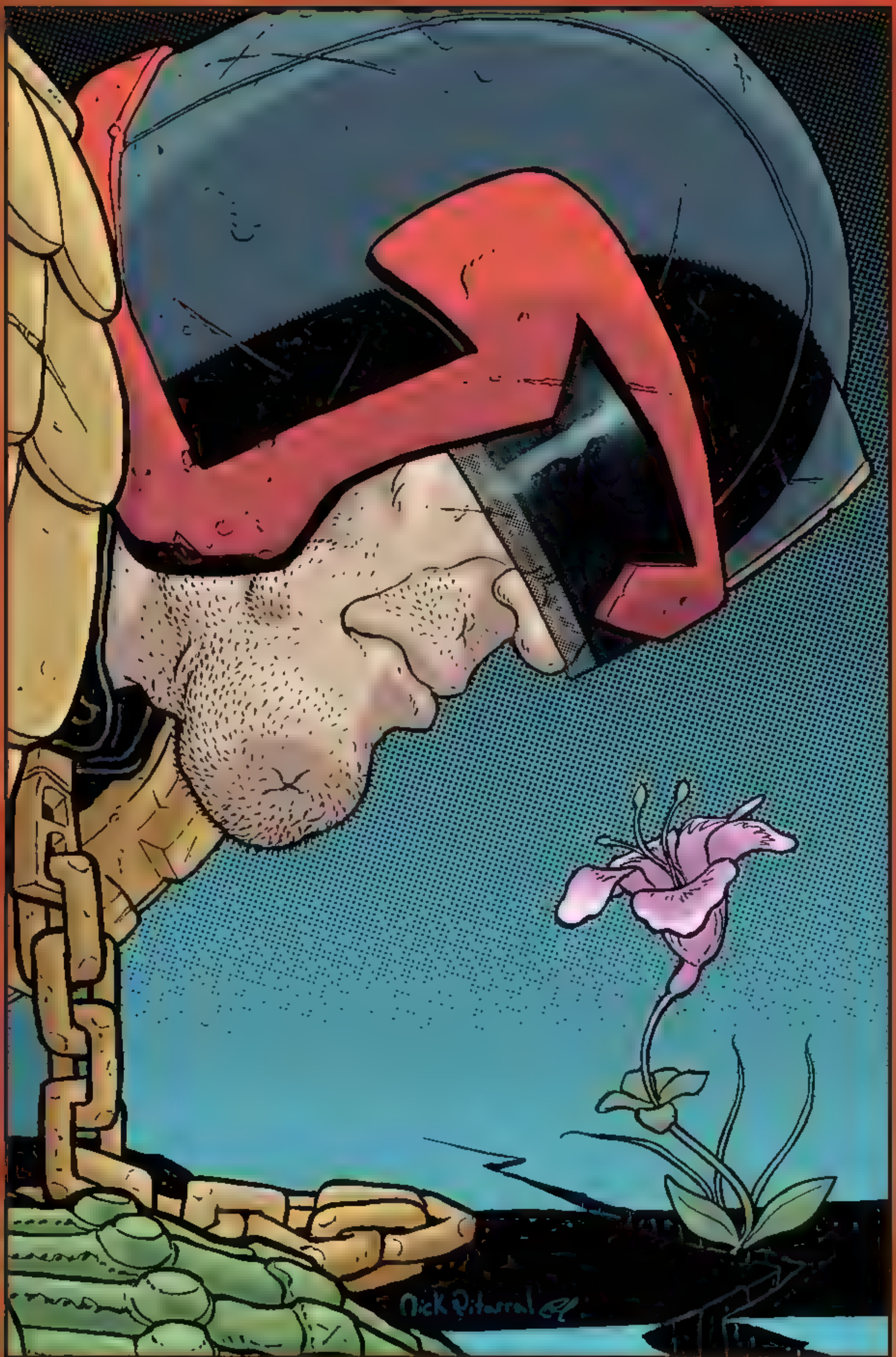
QUICKLY! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

ARE.

THE COOLANT TANKS!

GUILTY!

WARN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PART 1 - THE FAMILY DYNAMICS

GET YER MUNCE
GET OFF OF ME!
NO! YOU GET OFF OF ME!
THIS FOAM STUFF SMELLS TERRIBLE!
YOU SHOULD BE USED TO IT, IT SMELLS LIKE YOUR FACE.
DON'T MOVE.

DON'T EAT THE FOAM, IGGY!

BJT I'M HUNGRY!

VEG-E-M

WHAT SECTION OF THE MEGA-BLOCK ARE WE BE NG HELD IN?

YOU SHOULDN'T BE CONCERNED WITH THE NAME OF WHAT IS KEEPING YOU CAPTIVE!

BUT THE NATURE IN WH CH THE SYSTEM EXISTS!

DOES EVERYONE HERE HAVE TO GET ON THE R SOAPBOX EVERY T.ME I ASK THEM A DROKKING QJEST ON?

INDEED WE DO!

I FOUND MYSELF IN THIS SIMPLISTIC COLONY, A VERITABLE CONVERSAT ONAL WASTELAND.

WHEN MY EFFJSIVE MANNER DEMANDED HIGHER STANDARDS, MY CRITIQUES WERE UNWELCOME AND MY SOCAP DROPPED PRECIPITOUSLY!

NOW I'M DOWN HERE, FORCED TO OBTAIN IT IN A BARBAR C R TU--

THEY INSIST ON THE R TERMS OF SERVICE, ON THEIR LIMITED ANARCHY, THE R SOCAP--SOCIAL CAPITAL--AND BECAUSE I REFUSE TO PARTAKE IN A SYSTEM THAT VALJES A C.TIZEN BASED ON H S PERCEIVED POPJLARITY AT ANY G VEN MOMENT I HAVE BEEN BANISHED HERE, FORCED TO ACQUIRE POPJLARITY THROUGH ACTS SO HJM LIATING IN A COLISEJM OF HORRORS BELOW THE MONOL TH OF ANG AVI--

--ENOUGH!

I NEED D!
DREDD DREDD DREDD
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WORLD TO REALLY LISTEN TO ME! SEE ME! HUMILIATE ME!
HEAR ME, CITIZENS OF ANG AVII
CRITICISM IS THE HEART OF GROWTH! THE FOUNDATION TO A HEALTHY SOCIETY!

NO. NO. NO. YOU. DON'T. GET. IT.

AND MELT YOU WILL! YOU WILL ALL MELT WITHOUT THE R GOROUS DISCUSSION OF DEALS!

THE CHARACTER OF TH S BLOCK WILL DETERIORATE WITHOUT MY W SE COUNCIL! YOJ IMPR SONED ME BECAUSE I SEEK TO ELEVATE THE DISCOURSE!

YOU LOOK LIKE A MELTED FUS ON REACTOR TOOK A DUMP ON A SKELETON!

DREDD DOESN'T GET IT. CHICKEN-HEAD DOESN'T GET IT. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE DOWN HERE. I FIND THOSE WHO DON'T GET IT.

YOU PEOPLE WANNA TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO, HOW TO LIVE.

I TH NK BJTT-FACE IS GETT NG MAD

LET JS DISCUSS THIS CONCEPT BEFORE YOU LOSE CONTROL.

I AM NOT LOSING CONTROL!

IGGY!

I AM CONTROL!

CAPTURED BY A REAL-LIFE TROG!

I BET YOJ AND I ARE NOT SO DIFFERENT!

IF THE TAB_ES WERE REVERSED, PERHAPS I WOLLD'VE PLACED YOU N THE DUNGEON!

WHO'S IN THIS PICTURE?

HOLD STILL, S R, PLEASE TRY TO SMILE. I'M NOT DOING TH S FOR MY HEALTH, EVEN THOUGH THE SOCAP W LL BE QJ TE HEALTHY FOR ME, THOUGH.

FUDGE HEAD! HELP!

THAT CHICKEN'S SQUAWKS ARE JUST MAK NG THAT CREEP GROW

LOLO, THE SHIELD. G VE IT TO ME.

BUT THAT FREAK WILL GRAB US L KE THEY GOT IGGY!

LOLO, NOW!

THOKK

YOU'VE MADE ME OUT TO BE THE VIOLENT ONE!

BUT YOU, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RULES WITH A BLOODY FIST!

WHO TEARS SOCIETY APART WITH YOUR FALSE LAWS!

YES. I DO.

GIVE BACK IGGY, YOU SNOT OCTOPUS!

LOLO! BE QUIET.

NO! YOU SHUT UP! YOU'RE LETT NG GGY D E!

LOLO, BE QUIET! HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD SAVE HER.

NOW YOU HAVE NO DEFENSE?! NO BIG GUNS, HUH?! IGNORE ME 'CAUSE YOU CAN'T STOP ME?!

PLEASE, I DON'T WANT TO BE ANOTHER TROG WHO'S IGNORED AND PUSHED OUT.

I DON'T WANT TO BE THE LAST ONE I DON'T WANT TO BE...

...AGREED WITH.

BOOOOOO!

IT'S OKAY, MR. BUTT UGLY, I WON'T IGNORE YOU. I CAN LOVE YOU, TOO. .

YOU WERE ALWAYS RIGHT, TROG. THE WORLD CRAVES FREEDOM, BUT WHEN IT GETS IT, YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS. YOU KNOW THE TRUTH--

--THE TRUTH IS--THE WORLD NEEDS *LAW.*

I'M SO SORRY... I NEVER LOST CONTROL LIKE THAT BEFORE.

HEY, EVERYONE! LET'S THROW BRICKS!

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE EACH OTHER BLEED, WE WILL!

IGGY! GET AWAY!

I STILL LOVE YOU, BUBBLE-BUTT!

PROPERTY OF

MY GRUD! THEY ARE GOING TO GET THEMSELVES KILLED!

THERE'S NOTHING IN THE TERMS OF SERVICE!

ALL USERS MUST REFRAIN FROM FURTHER INTERFERENCE OF THIS EVENT, OR BE BANNED!

BOOOOOO!

LET'S! BRICK

GATE! KEEPERS!

BOOOOOO!

LET'S! BR CK!

GATE! KEEPERS!

BOOOOO!
LET'S! BR CK!
GATE--
UGHHHHHH!

THIS EVENT—IS NOW OVER!

JUDGE DREDD BARELY GOT THROUGH TWO OF THESE GUYS, AND THERE ARE LIKE ONE HUNDRED NOW..

DON'T WORRY, I'LL SAVE US!

UGH NO, YOU WON'T, LOLO. YOU'LL JUST SAY YOU CAN OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

WE ARE IN CONTROL NOW!

THIS ISN'T FAIR! THE MEGA-BLOCK HAS NEVER HAD TO FOLLOW ANY RULER! ESPECIALLY NOT ROBOTS!

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLY, USERNAME: TROGLODY, YOU WILL BE BANNED AS WELL.

BAN ME?! EVER SINCE THIS BLOCK GOT RID OF US, LOOK AT WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING. NOW IT HAS... HIERARCHY!

WHY DON'T THE GATEKEEPERS JUST STOP ARGJ NG W TH HIM? HE S N CE.

EVERYONE HERE HAS A ONE-TRACK MIND. THEY ALL THINK THEY KNOW HOW THE WORLD SHOULD WORK.

SOUNDS FAMIL.AR.

THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED LAWS!

THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED THESE DAMN TERMS OF SERVICE!

USERNAME TROGLODYX HAS BEEN BANNED!

EVERYONE MUST LEAVE THE PREMISES OR BE BANHAMMERED!

SYSTEM OVERRIDE COMMAND ORDER: YOU HAVE RECEIVED AN INFINITE SOCAP XP7OG ACCESS TO ANY AVI IS GRANTED INDEFINITELY

PLEASE SIGN THE TERMS OF SERVICE, AND WELCOME TO ANY AVI

OR YOU MAY ALSO ACCEPT THE OPTION OF BEING GAN-HAMMERED

USERNAME: I

USERNAME: JUDGEDREDD HAS BEEN TAKEN.

USERNAME: JUDGEJOSEPHDREDD HAS BEEN TAKEN.

USERNAME ACCEPTED: JOEDREDD

SO WE HAVE BEEN SAYING YOUR NAME WRONG! IT'S JOE DREDD! NOT JUDGE DAD!

JOE/CHILD, YOUR TERMS OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

WOO! BABY! NOW, WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE WANT! I'M GONNA GO RIDE THE BANISTERS!

...SLOWLY.

LOLO, THEY D DN'T OFFER US TO SIGN ANYTHING.

BUT, I THOUGHT WE GO WHERE JOE DREDD GOES...

OH GOD. I THINK WE ARE GOING TO GET HAMMERED.

WE CANNOT BAN ANYONE THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS. THAT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ACTUAL CITIZENS OF ARC AV.

BUT WE SHALL REMOVE NON-CITIZENS AND RETURN THEM TO THE GRASS! NO USERNAME—NO ACCESS!

JUDGE DAAAADDDDD!

WELCOME TO ANG AVL WHERE YOU ARE FREE TO DO AS YOU PLEASE. SO LONG AS YOU ARE PLEASED WITH DOING AS YOU WILL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS, PLEASE FULFILL THEM AT YOUR OWN LEISURE. WE WILL NO LONGER BOTHER YOU, OR HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER YOU.

UNLESS YOU START TO TELL OTHERS WHAT TO DO. THEN YOU SHALL BE BAN-HAMMERED.

CHARGING

QUERY MEGA-CITY ONE

QUERY HALL OF JUSTICE RECORDS: MEGA-CITY ONE

QUERY HISTORICAL RECORDS MEGA-CITY ONE

RECORDS FOR MEGA-CITY ONE ARE UNAVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE: MEGA-CITY ONE, FICTION PROSE / MEGA-CITY ONE, ANCIENT MYTHOLOGY / MEGA-CITY ONE, THEORIES & ARTIFACTS.

BACK TO THE DROKKING GRASS, GREAT.

THEY CHANGED THE EYEBALL RECOGN T ON TECHNOLOGY.

WE CAN'T SNEAK IN THROUGH THE VENTS ANYMORE.

WE DIDN'T EVEN GET TO EAT.

JOE DREDD S GO NG TO COME SAVE US--I KNOW HE IS!

I KNOW HE ISN'T.

YEAH, BECAJSE I'M GOING TO SAVE US! YOU F NALLY SEE IT MY WAY, QUILL!

NO, LOLO, NO ONE EVER SEES T YOUR WAY. ESPEC ALLY ME.

T'S NOT BECAUSE DREDD DOESN'T CARE, BUT BECAJSE WHATEVER HE'S LOOK NG FOR IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM THAN US.

WHAT? HOW CAN THAT BE? HE ALWAYS MADE SURE WE KEPT CLOSE TO HIM!

HE WOULD ALWAYS BE L KE "HEY, STAY HERE! HEY, COME HERE! HEY, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!"

"THAT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU SAY IF YOU DON'T LOVE SOMEONE."

MEGA-CITY ONE SUBTERRA
UNCHARTED TERRITORIES
ARE STRONGLY CAUTION
INTO RUINS. ACCESS PO
MINING PORT 234.2,

I'M TELLING YOU, HE CARES--HE HAS A BIG HEART!

HEY, DON'T PULL OUT HIS EYE. JOE DREDD DIDN'T LIKE THAT. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE H.M A REASON TO NOT COME BACK.

"SOLO TOLD YOU ALREADY, IGGY."

"OH GRJD! I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS!"

SOMEONE HELP ME!

"...HE ALREADY HAS HIS REASONS FOR NOT COM NG BACK."

"FOR THE LOVE OF GRUD! I CAN'T SEE!"

"HE JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IN ANG AVI--A ONE-TRACK M.ND."

"I CAN'T BREATHE... I CAN'T--"

WE'RE ON OUR OWN AGA.N.

PART 4: THE FORUM

THE ONE QUESTION HE DOESN'T WANT TO START ASKING

HE SN'T LETT NG H MSE..F TH NK ABOUT T.

WHAT GOOD WOULD SOLV.NG THE MYSTERY OF MEGA-C TY ONE DO, F HE CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING BACK?

BJT HE WON'T EVER ASK HIMSELF THAT QJEST ON HE WON'T EVEN DARE TH.NK T.

BECAUSE HE KNOWS ONCE HE STARTS JNRAVEL NG THOSE THOJGHTS, THE NEXT LOGICAL QJEST ON IS...

. WHAT WAS THE WHOLE PO NT OF BE NG A JUDGE N THE FIRST PLACE?

NO! THROW IT FARTHER! I CAN CATCH IT! TRUST ME!

I'M REALLY NOT THAT INTERESTED IN DOING THIS WITH YOU.

I KNOW!

I DON'T KNOW WHOSE HEAD THAT IS GOING TO FIT, IGGY.

SHUT UP AND THROW IT FAR!

HM...

CLINK

LITTLE GIRLS SHOULDN'T MUTILATE PEOPLE AND PLAY WITH THEIR EYEBALLS.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EYEBALLS?

WHY, I KNOW A GUY WHO WOULD PAY A GOOD AMOUNT OF SOCAP FOR SOME EYEBALLS.

PROBABLY ENOUGH SOCAP TO GET YOU INSIDE OF ANGEL!

A FEW EYEBALLS GET US BACK INTO ANGEL? THAT'LL SHOW THEM THAT WE DON'T NEED JUDGE DREDD. QUILL AND LOLO WILL FINALLY JUST RELY ON ME!

HEY! GUYS! GUYS! I'VE FOUND A WAY TO GET US BACK INTO ANGEL!

-SIGH- WHAT DID YOU DO?

THERE IS AN OLD MAN WHO WOULD GIVE US SOCAP FOR EYEBALLS, BUT HE IS BY HIMSELF AND WE CAN JUST BEAT HIM UP AND TAKE HIS SOCAP!

JUST ONE LONELY OLD MAN?

YEAH. REAL DUMB FACE, TOO. SHOULDA SEEN HOW DUMB HIS FACE LOOKED.

YA'LL GIRLS SHOULDN'T BE TAKING A MAN'S EYEBALLS LIKE THAT. CAN MAKE THE QUALITY OF LIFE POOR.

..HM

CRAKK

WHACK

SURE IS GONNA BE NICE WITH A FEW LITTLE ONES AROUND.

WE SHOULD JUST GET OUR DIBS NOW BEFORE BOSS GETS THEM FIRST.

THINK BOSS IS GONNA CELEBRATE WHEN HE SEES WHAT WE'S GOT?

HE AIN'T THE CELEBRATING TYPE.

BEST NOT, HE'LL SMELL YER SCENT ON 'EM A MILE AWAY.

WHAT DID I DO...?

I HAVE TO FIND HIM.

PLINK

LAWGIVER, EJECT LAST .NCEND ARY SHELL.

RESYK SUB-FACILITY

I'VE GOT THE DUMB FACE. IF I SAW MY FACE, I'D PUNCH IT. IF JUDGE DREDD SAW MY FACE RIGHT NOW, HE'D PUNCH IT.

BUT HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN GET THEM BACK.

ACCESS DENIED!

SKOOSH

TOWARDS DEEPER SUB-FACILITY

SKOOSH

FOOOOOOOOOOSSSS HHHHHEERRREEEEE...

NOOOTTSSS ALLL OFFFF THHEESSSSEEEE BOOOOOOO!!EEEESSS AREEEE DEEEEAADDDD...

DELICIOUSSSSSS LLIIIFFEEEEE...

!!!!!!!!!!
WAAANNNNNT'TTT
THEEEE
LL!FFEEEEEE...

HEEEFE
BRRIINNNNGGGSSSSS
LL!GGHHHHTTTSS!

FIDIUM
CUSTODIAL
SERVICES
WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU..

WHOOOAA!

AAANOTHER SMMMALLLL LIVVEEE OONNEE...

WHERE? WHERE ARE THEY?

THERE IS ANOTHER, AND SHE STILL LIVES--

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY JUDGE.

--N. NOOO! WE SHOULDN'T HAVE NTERFERED WITH THE PROGRAM!

THE GRASS SAVES. THE GRASS SAVED US ALL--N

THESE ARE COORD NATES...

GET AWAY FROM MEEEEEE!

LOLO?!

LOLO! HOW THE DROKK D'D YOU GET DOWN HERE?!

LOLO! LISTEN TO ME! GET INTO THE LIGHT!

DREDD, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO!

PPPREECCCCIIOOUSSSSS LLLIIFFEEEEE...

JOE! YOU HAVE TO HELP ME!

PPPREECCCCIIOOUSSSSS LLLIIFFEEEEE...

I CAN'T BREATHE—

I CAN'T BREATHE--

LOLO! DON'T PANIC. IF YOU STRUGGLE--

I CAN'T--

I CA--

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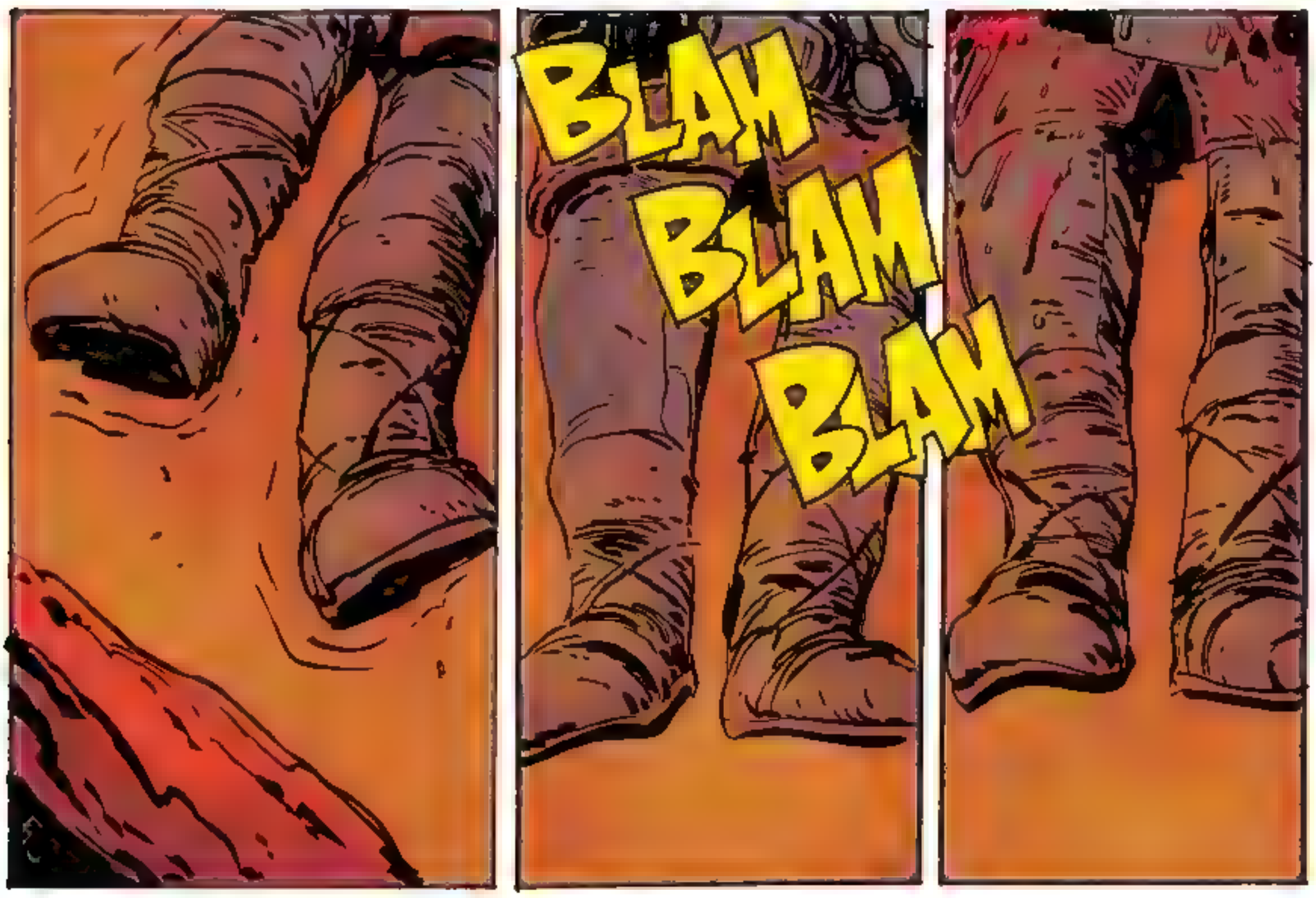
DROKKIN' CANNIBAL MJTANTS!

ONE OF THESE PADS HAS TO OPEN THE DOOR...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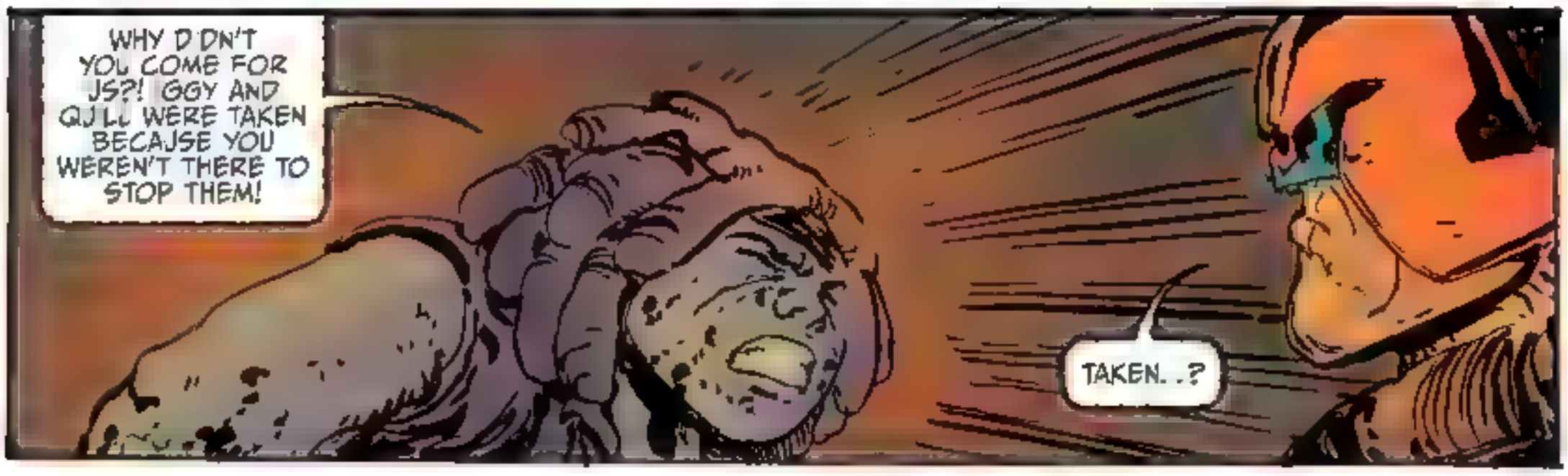
YOU LIKE CHOKING! HUH?! IT'S NOT A GOOD FEELING, IS IT?!

YOU THINK I CAN'T HJRT YOU WITHOUT HIS HELP?!
LOLO, THAT'S ENOUGH.


WHY D'DN'T YOL COME FOR JS?! GGY AND QJ LL WERE TAKEN BECAJSE YOU WEREN'T THERE TO STOP THEM!
TAKEN..?

I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT YOU ALONE.

IT'S OKAY. I WANNA LEAVE ME ALONE TOO SOMETIMES--

HEY! IT'S A PUPPY! AND IT'S ACTUALLY ALIVE!

BY THE WAY, HOW DID YOU OPEN THE DOOR?

I DIDN'T...

WELL, JUST SO YOU KNOW, YOU AREN'T THE ONLY JUDGE NOW.

HUH? HOW DID YOU--?!

WE WILL CALL YOU *PUG DREDD.*

THE YES-MEN CAME. THEY TOOK THEM.

YES-MEN?

OH. C'MON. SO WHERE ARE IGGY AND QUILL?

"THEY DON'T LISTEN WHEN YOU SAY NO."

ART BY ARNOLD VILLALOBOS. COLORS BY MARISSA LOUISE

PART 5: #USERNOTFOUND

SO, WHEN WE FIND GGY AND QJ LL, YOU HANG BACK, JJG I WANT TO BE THE ONE THEY SEE, BEING ALL TOP HAT BEATING UP PEOPLE, SAVING THEM.

JJST 'CAUSE YOU'RE B GGER THAN JS, THEY THINK YOU'RE SOMETHING SPECIAL. BJT I'M THE:R *BIG SISTER*--THAT MAKES ME, LIKE, NFINITE SPECIAL.

FOCJS. PROTOCOL. SURVIVE. EVALUATE. ENFORCE.

NO SUPPLIES. NO AMMUNITION. NO ANSWERS.

QUILL THINKS SHE'S BIGGEST, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S REALLY THE SMALLEST. GETS ON MY NERVES. FJRGA, THIS TME SHE'LL REMEMBER WHO'S BIG.

TO BE HONEST, I THINK SHE IS JUST REALLY JEALOUS OF ME, 'CAJSE I'M REALLY FUNNY.

AND SHE IS JUST SO BOORING SOMETIMES

MAC, OPEN A NEW CASE FILE. CASE NJMBER 00-00-0001.

MAC?

MACRO ANALYSIS COMPUTER. FORGOT I LOST IT IN THE COLISEJM. MEAD'S GETTING FUZZY.

YOU'RE ACTING KINDA FUZZY. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SLEPT?

I HAVEN'T SLEPT. NO SLEEP PODS HERE.

LOLO, LISTEN UP--I'VE GOT TO REPORT THIS NEW CASE F LE WHILE I STILL HAVE IT IN MY HEAD.

CASE FILE 00-00-0001: APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS AGO, AWOKE .N DESOLATE GRASSLAND NEAR THE MEGA-BLOCK FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ANGELA DAV S BLOCK.

YOU EXPECT ME TO REMEMBER THIS?! YOU'RE JUST AS BOR NG AS QU.LL!

THE BLOCK IS THE ONLY SURVIVING STRUCTURE I HAVE ENCOUNTERED. RJLE OF LAW HAS BEEN ABOLISHED. TOTAL ANARCHY. POSS.BLE MASS EXTERMINATION.

YOU AREN'T PAYING ATTENTION TO ME!

BUT YOU SAID WE WERE GOING TO SAVE MY SISTERS!

LOLO, PLEASE.

SOMETH NG HAPPENED TO THIS WORLD, AND I NEED TO JJDGE WHO IS RESPONS BLE I HAVE TO... STAY... AWAKE...

FINE.

NIGHT, NIGHT YOU BIG, BOR.NG JLG.

AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE CITY SAFER? WE CAN'T KEEP THIS UP! CR.ME HAS ONLY INCREASED!

BERGER. LET ME SEE YOUR REPORT.

BJT YOU'RE NOT LISTEN NG TO ME!

MY MODELS PROVE WHAT I'M SAYING, IF YOJ'D JUST LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE!

UH... YES, YES, SIR. IF YOJ SEE, MY MODELS SHOW THAT AN INCREASE IN HARSH JUDGMENTS HAS HAD A CORRELATING INCREASE IN CR M NAL OFFENSES IN THE PAST 30 YEARS.

HM. YOUR METHODOLOGY SEEMS FAULTY.

YOU HAVEN'T ACCOUNTED FOR LINGER NG EFFECTS OF THE CHAOS BLG.

BJT I'VE RJLED THAT OUT--

OUR ROLE AS JLDGES IS TO ENFORCE THE LAW. THE ROLE OF THE CIT ZEN IS TO NOT BREAK THOSE LAWS. YOU'RE WAST NG YOUR T.ME WHEN YOU CAN BE STOPPING THOSE CRIMES FROM HAPPENING

AT LEAST TAKE A LOOK AT MY PROPOSED SOLUTIONS.

I'LL READ ALL OF IT.

DREDD, ARE YOU SEE NG THIS? THERE ARE SUIC DES ACROSS THE C TY.

I'LL DISCUSS YOUR FINDINGS AFTER WE HANDLE THIS, BERGER, THANK YOL. LET'S GET TO WORK NOW.

THEY ALL SEEM TO BE HAVE ONE TH NG IN COMMON--THEY WERE ALL JJNKIES THAT GOT HIGH ON *GREEN* NEURON SNORT.

NANOPARTICJLATES THAT NETWORK JJNKIES INTO A SHARED EJPHORIA. THIS CITY NEVER CEASES TO DISAPPOINT ME.

YEAH, GETTING H GH AND FEELING HAPPY WITH RANDOM STRANGERS--I'VE SEEN WAY TOO MANY S CK M.NDS TO WONDER WHAT THEY CONSIDER HAPPINESS

GENERATIONAL REVIVAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS

MEG-EAST, SECTOR 25: THE MARSHALL MCLUHAN BLOCK.

ANDERSON, ANY RESIDUAL IMPRESSIONS FOR THE PERP?

FAR AS I CAN TELL, HE TURNED IT ON, TUNED IN, AND DROPPED OUT.

THE DRUG SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AERATED BY THAT DEVICE

PSYCHEDELICS HIT THE SPOT / FIVE THOUSAND NANOBOTS, THAT'S A LOT!

I'M IN THE CLOUD, I CAN THINK OUT LOUD, THE LAW IS DEAD, THE LAW IS DEAD DING-DONG THE LAW IS DEAD!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, RAMBO?

DREDD TO HQ, WE NEED MEDICAL TO MCLUHAN BLOCK. WE HAVE A POSSIBLE CLASS A BIOCHEM CONTAMINATION.

SIR, WE'VE CONFIRMED 35 SUICIDES IN THIS BLOCK.

THESE AREN'T SUICIDES. THESE ARE HOMICIDES.

HOMICIDES?

YEAH, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MAKERS OF GREEN.

WE GOTTA CRACK SOME HEADS TOGETHER, FIND OUT WHO'S MANUFACTURING THIS JUNK.

GREEN

THESE REBREATHERS-- THE GREEN MUST BE GETTING THROUGH THE FILTERS!

FOR A SECOND THERE--

WHAT? D'D THE GREEN GET TO YOU?

NO, IT WAS NOTH NG.

IF YOJ FEEL SOMETHING, SAY SOMETH NG.

WHERE ARE YOJ HEADING?

THAT AEROSOL DEVICE, YOJ COLLDN'T MANJFACTURE ONE OF THOSE YOLRSELF IN SOME SUB-LEVEL 3D LAB.

R GHT. WHOEVER MAKES THE GREEN MJST BE SITT NG ON A STOCKPILE OF THE DEVICES. YOU'D HAVE TO ORDER THEM N BULK.

MAC PORTABLE· NSPECT SHIPPING RECORDS FOR ALL DEV.CES MATCHING GREEN AEROSOL DEV.CE, CROSS-REFERENCE WITH RECENT SUIC DES BY MEGA-CITY ONE SECTORS.

NARROW IT DOWN. CROSS-REFERENCE BY CRIME AND AREA: CLASS B DRUG OFFENSES, SPECIFICALLY CATEGORY 2 CRIMES FOR ILLEGAL DISTRIBJTION.

I SWEAR! WE GAVE THE STJFF AWAY!

ONE DAY, TRJCKS OF THE GREEN STJFF WERE BEING DROPPED OFF HERE.

INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO GIVE AWAY THE PRODUCT AND WE'D RECEIVE SOME *FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.*

WE BOTH KNOW YOU RJN THE Z ZZY BIZ N THESE SECTORS--YOU WANT ME TO BEL EVE THAT SOMEONE SET UP A RIVAL OPERATION AND THEN ***LET*** YOU HAVE IT?

YES! I TAKE CARE OF MY PEOPLES, THEY TAKE CARE OF ME! GREEN HAS BEEN GREAT FOR BJSINESS.

PAY ATTENTION TO ME.

DROKK, ANDERSON!

PAY...

...ATTENTION!

PAY ATTENTION!

IT'S TIME TO PAY ATTENTION TO ME!

I LET YOU SLEEP FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES, BUT THEN I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO HEAR SOME SONGS I FELT LIKE SINGING WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING.

I'M A LITTLE LOLO, SHORT AND STOUT, THIS IS MY HANDLE, THIS IS MY SPOUT--

ANDERSON...

ITSY BITSY LOLO WENT UP THE WATERSPOUT--

IT'S GREEN...

IT'S ALL DROKKING GREEN.

DOWN CAME THE HANDLE--

YOU'RE NOT EVEN LISTENING, FUDGE HEAD.

YOU NEED TO GET ONE THING STRAIGHT!

THE ONLY REASON I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU, IS BECAUSE IGGY THINKS WE'RE SOME KIND OF FAMILY NOW.

WE AIN'T, BUT I AIN'T GONNA TELL HER THAT.

IGGY IS DUMB AND NICE. WE ALREADY LOST ONE FAMILY; SHE WON'T BE NICE ANYMORE IF SHE LOSES ANOTHER!

TELL ME RIGHT NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND WE ARE ALL A FAMILY NOW. IF YOU DON'T WANNA, FINE! JUST DON'T RUN OFF IN FRONT OF *THEM!*

JUST LEAVE NOW, AND I'LL TELL IGGY THAT YOU FELL DOWN A HOLE OR SOMETHING!

YOU'RE RIGHT.

WAIT, YOU THINK I'M RIGHT?

WE'LL ALWAYS COME BACK FOR EACH OTHER, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE WE ARE ON THE SAME TEAM. WE'RE NOT FAMILY.

FINE! WHATEVER! IGGY DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO SPELL FAMILY. F-A-M-M--

LOLO. I NEED TO SLEEP. EIGHT SOLID HOURS. WHEN I WAKE UP, I PROMISE, WE WILL FIND YOUR SISTERS. BUT YOU NEED TO HELP ME SET UP CAMP

WE'LL SET UP HERE. I NEED TO GET MY THOUGHTS STRAIGHT.

WE'RE WORKING AS A TEAM NOW, OKAY?

YES, SIR!

OKAY, YOU'LL TAKE FIRST WATCH. I NEED YOU TO GUARD THE CAMP WHILE I REST.

MAN, THAT'S SO EASY! YOU WILL SLEEP LIKE A BABY! A BIG JUDGE BABY!

IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE STAYING AWAKE, SHARPEN THIS STICK, IT'LL KEEP YOU BUSY, AND THAT'LL KEEP YOU AWAKE.

IF ANYONE COMES AT YOU, THE BEST PLACE TO GET THEM IS HERE..

IF THE BLOW IS STRONG ENOUGH, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO SCREAM. AND IF THE IMPACT CRUSHES A VERTEBRAE, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK.

WORST-CASE SCENARIO, THEY WILL BE COUGHING FOR ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES, AND YOU CAN STRIKE THEM AGAIN.

WE USUALLY JUST GO FOR THE EYES, BUT THE THROAT CAN WORK.

AFTER YOU MAKE A SHARP TIP, YOU HARDEN THE POINT IN THE FIRE

JOE . IT WAS SO BEAJTIFJL.

DON'T SPEAK, YOU'VE GOT TO HEAL.

IT WAS SO PROFOUND. IT WAS L.KE WE WERE ALL CONNECTED.

IT WAS A NARCOT C-INDUCED HALLUCINATION. NOTH NG MORE.

YOU'RE NOT *LISTENING*, DREDD IT WAS BEYOND ANY PSYCH C MPRESS ON I'VE EVER HAD IT WAS A PERFECT WORLD.

ALL RIGHT, ANDERSON, WE HAVE THE DEALERS EN ROUTE TO ISOBLOCKS--

NO! THEY SHOULDN'T BE IN AN ISOCUBE!

THE GREEN IS PROVIDING A VITAL SERVICE! EVERYONE SHOULD BE IN THE GREEN!

THE TRAIL HAS GONE COLD. WE TRACED THE PRODUCTION OF THE DRUG TO A NUMBER OF UNRELATED LABS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BUT NONE OF THE TECHNICIANS KNEW WHAT THEY WERE MAKING.

YOUR REPORT SAYS YOU MADE NO ARRESTS?

NONE OF THEM DID ANYTHING ILLEGAL.

INERT MATERIALS, ASSEMBLED IN DISCRETE STAGES.

SOMEHOW MADE IT TO THE STREET WITHOUT ANYONE BREAKING A LAW.

EVEN FRENCHIE-- WE HAD TO PUT HIM AWAY ON AN UNRELATED CHARGE.

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BRING ME MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS, DREDD.

BERGER IN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS HAS SOME IDEAS.

BERGER? THE NUMBER CRUNCHER? SHE'S NOT *CONVENTIONAL*... TO SAY THE VERY LEAST.

THIS ISN'T A CONVENTIONAL CASE.

SEND HER IN.

GOOD EVENING, CHIEF HERSHEY, JUDGE DREDD.

TELL THEM YOUR BLACKNET THEORY AND KEEP IT SIMPLE, BERGER.

THE CITY'S NETWORKED SYSTEMS HAVE A BLACKNET. SIGNALS CARRIED ON THE UNMONITORED ELECTRICAL WIRES ALLOWS CRIMINALS TO ENGAGE IN ILLICIT ACTIVITIES WHERE WE CAN'T SEE--

WE SEE THEM. THE UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS DIVISION HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE BLACKNET FOR THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS.

ALL DUE RESPECT, IT HASEXISTED FOR THE LAST SEVEN *YEARS*.

BERGER. GET TO THE POINT.

I'VE TRACKED DATA SURGES THAT DON'T CORRESPOND TO ANY PARTICULAR USER. INDEPENDENT INTELLIGENT ACTIVITY.

YOU'RE LOSING ME, BERGER

A BLACKNET AI. A COMPUTER VIRUS CREATES A HYPER-ADDICTIVE DRUG; JUNKIES MOVE THE VIRUS FROM THE BLACKNET TO THE RBODIES.

YES, EXACTLY. IT'S THE FUTURE.

BEG YOUR PARDON?

IF YOU'VE READ MY PROPOSALS, WE SPEND AN EXORBITANT AMOUNT ON HOUSING CRIMINALS. WE COULD USE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THE SHARED HALLUCINATION OF THE GREEN NARCOTIC--

BERGER, THAT'S BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

THIS IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATING!

JUDGE BERGER, YOU'RE DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO INSUBORDINATION.

CHIEF, IF YOU WOULD ALLOW, I'D LIKE TO TAKE BERGER AS A TEMPORARY PARTNER. HER ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN INVALUABLE.

THANKS FOR STICKING YOUR NECK OUT FOR ME, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE THE BEST PARTNER.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU. ANDERSON'S INCAPACITATED, AND YOU HAVE THE RELEVANT EXPERIENCE TO THIS CASE.

AND LET'S GET ONE THING STRAIGHT: NEVER, EVER IMPLY THAT WE SHOULD BE USING ILLEGAL DRUGS TO--

BREAK HIS BACK! WE CAN'T LET HIM TRACK US ANY FARTHER!

CAREFUL WITH THE KID, YOU GOTTA KEEP THE SKIN SOFT.

FRAG HIS FACE IN!

HEY, RELAX. WE'RE BOTH MEN HERE.

WE JUST DO N' WHAT COMES NATURALLY FIGHTING AND F--

YOU'RE NOT A MAN.

GET OFF OF ME!

NO SJPPL ES
NO AMMUNIT ON

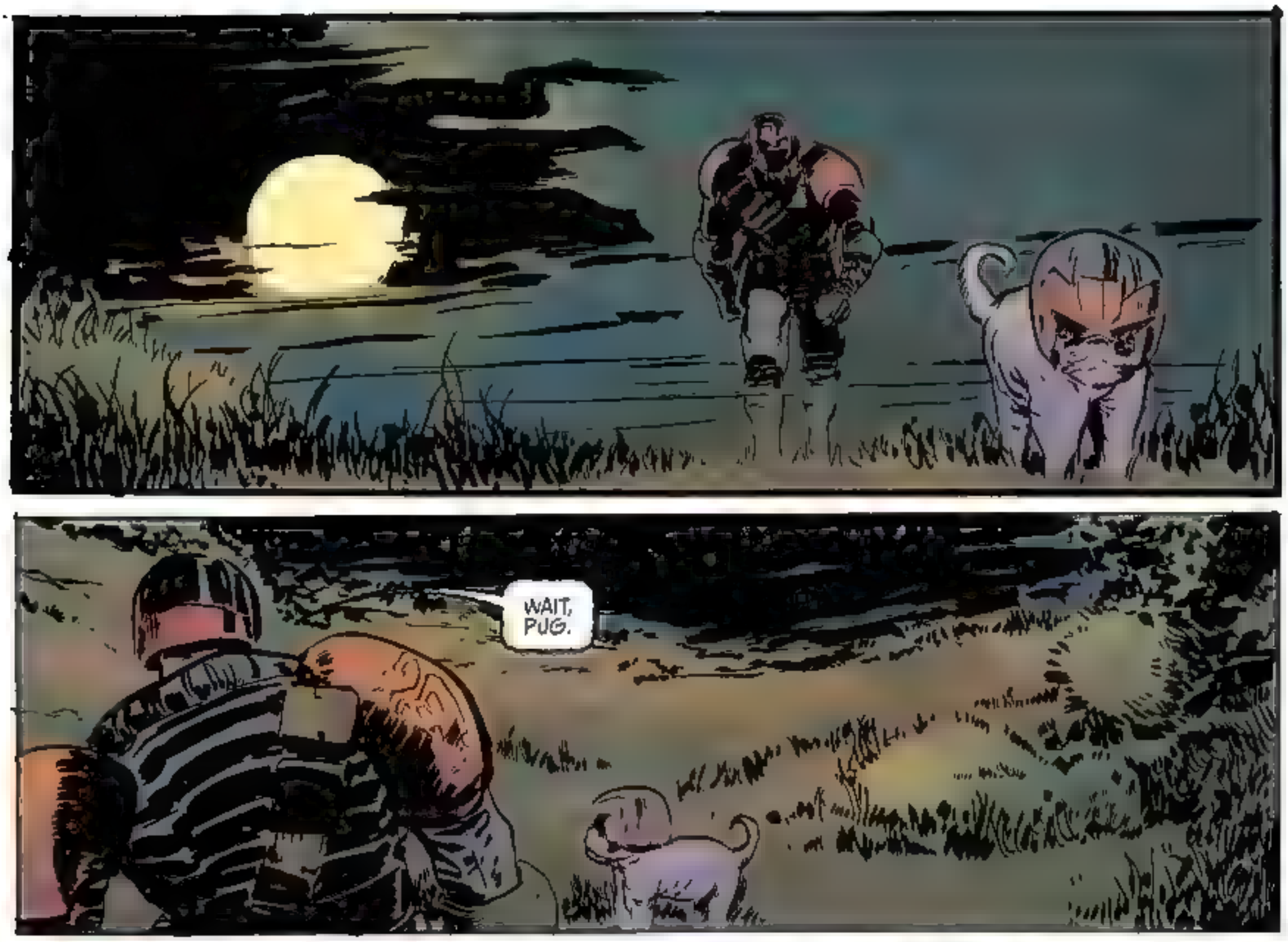
GET OFF OF ME! I DON'T WANT TO JOIN YOUR WEIRD CULT!

WHOA!

HM.

SNIFF SNIFF

YOU WANT TH.S, F ND LOLO. LET'S GO.



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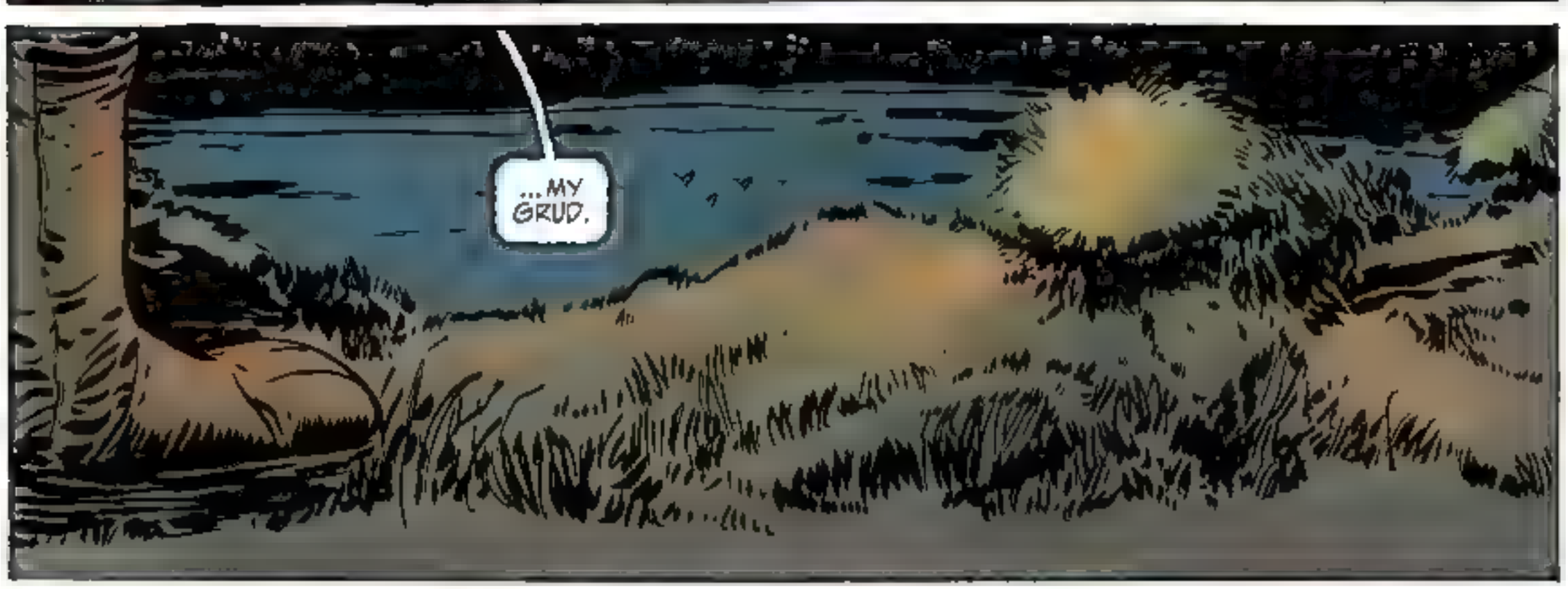

...MY GRUD.

I'M STARTING TO REMEMBER...

STATE OF EMERGENCY. MASS DISAPPEARANCES: 13,325 M SSING PERSONS.

AT THIS RATE, WE ARE REPORTING ON AVERAGE 900 C T ZENS MISS NG PER M.NJTE.

THEY ALL SEEM TO BE COM.NG FROM ONE SPOT--

I KNOW YOUR SON IS MISS NG. BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY MORE JUDGES TO SEND RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GIVE JS FEW HOURS.

COMMAND STATION 344, COME IN. COMMAND STATION 344.

DROKK, WE'RE BEGINN NG TO LOSE JUDGES IN THE OUTER-SECTORS.

BERGER, TIME TO GEAR UP WE HAVE TO F.ND OUT WHAT'S HAPPEN NG.

I THINK I'M BETTER S.TED BEHIND THE DESK--

THAT WASN'T A REQUEST, BERGER. MOVE T.

WHICH BLOCKS HAVE BEEN H T THE HARDEST?

SO FAR: ANGELA DAVIS BLOCK, MARSHALL MCLUHAN BLOCK, JOHN G.LMORE BLOCK, M CHEL FOJC--

ALL BLOCKS N SECTOR 25 AND 26.

I'M NOT F ELD-READY YET, DREDD. I'M MORE VALUABLE AS A TECHNICIAN.

PERHAPS JUDGE TROMBO WOJLD BE MORE APPROPR.ATE?

I CAN'T TELL YOU WHEN THE NEXT JUDGE CAN BE THERE. I KNOW YOUR FATHER IS MISSING. BUT--

EVERY JUDGE MJST BE F ELD CAPABLE AT ANY MOMENT--THAT'S WHAT MAKES YOU A *JUDGE*.

DREDD, YOU'RE NOT LISTENING. I DON'T THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA FOR ME TO--

SHE'S RIGHT, DREDD. BERGER IS BETTER SUITED FOR THE DESK.

ANDERSON? YOU'RE SLPPOSED TO BE ON BED-REST FOR THE NEXT 72 HOURS

I CAN HANDLE A MISS NG-PERSONS CASE. IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD.

FINE. BERGER, SEE .F THERE'S BEEN ANY CHATTER REGARD NG THESE K.DNAPPED PERSONS ON THE BLACKNET.

MAYBE THERE'S A CONNECTION TO THAT A.?

ALL RIGHT, CALL IT IN TO CONTROL. WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME HERE.

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THIS IS SOME KIND OF BIOLOGICAL ATTACK.

DREDD... CONTROL'S GONE SILENT.

I'VE LOST MY CONNECTION TO THEM.

WHAT? MY SIGNAL TO COMMAND IS COMING IN CLEAR. CHECK YOUR MAC.

I'VE LOST CONNECTION TO THEM.

THE GREEN.

GREAT.

RELAXING.

DAMN IT! DREDD TO COMMAND-- SEND A MEDEVAC TO MY LOCATION IMMEDIATELY.

THE GREEN GRASS WILL CONNECT US ALL--

ANDERSON!

ANDERSON?! ANDERSON?!

FOR THE LOVE OF GRJD!

ART BY DARICK ROBERTSON, COLORS BY DIEGO RODRIGUEZ

PART 6: #NOTALLMEN

IT'S OVER.

THE GRASS IS GONE.

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEGA-CITY ONE, A CITY OF PEACE AND HARMONY.

THIS *ISN'T* MEGA-CITY ONE.

EXCUSE ME, OFFICER, CAN YOU PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE?

HM.

JUST THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD TAKE A LOOK, CAN'T IMAGINE WHY IT WON'T RUN. I FED THEM THIS MORNING.

FED WHAT?

I JUST CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT. I'M USUALLY PRETTY GOOD WITH WOMEN.

THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MEGA-CITY ONE, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. I'M *STILL* THE LAW.

WHAT KINDA WORLD IS THIS COMING TO, WHERE A MAN CAN'T EVEN HAVE A SUNDAY DRIVE WITH HIS GIRLS?

WHAT KIND OF.. SICK PLACE IS THIS?

HEY, WE AIN'T HURTIN' NO ONE. IT'S THE NATURAL ORDER OF THINGS.

WHAT GIVES?! THIS IS A SAFE SPACE! A SPACE FOR MEN TO LIVE HOW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO!

YOU WANT A SAFE SPACE? HOW ABOUT 30 YEARS IN AN ISOCUBE FOR UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT AND SIX COUNTS OF KIDNAPPING?

HEY, I PAID FOR THESE WOMEN FAIR AND—

FREE?! ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

I'VE BEEN A REAL NICE GUY TO YOU--I EVEN LISTEN TO YA FEELINGS--BUT YOU STILL GOT THE NERVE TO SAY YOU WANNA BE FREE? WHERE DO YOU LEARN THIS STUFF?

YOU'RE ALREADY FREE! THE WAY YOU WALK, THAT'S ME. THE WAY YOU TALK, THAT'S ME. THE WAY YOU WEAR YOUR HAIR UP--DID YOU FORGET? THAT'S ME! I DID IT ALL FREE OF CHARGE!

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL OVER HERE? YOU WOULDN'T TREAT YOUR MOTHER THAT WAY, WOULD YOU?

AH, LEAVE IT ALONE, LOOK HOW SHE'S DRESSED!

HEY, DON'T BE NO KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR.

SHE'S THE ONE WHO LED ME ON, ACTED REAL NICE T'LL I WANTED TO SEE A LI'L ANKLE.

YOU'RE *FRIEND-ZONING* THIS POOR FELLOW?

AIN'T NO MAN DESERVE THAT, 'SPECIALLY SUCH A NICE GUY!

HELLO, GENTLEMAN, THE DAILY DOX IS HERE! WHAT'S THE SCOOP?!

I SEE, I SEE! TYPICAL GIRLFRIEND SHARES ALL HER FEELINGS BUT CAN'T GIVE UP A LITTLE ANKLE, EVEN. TYPICAL, TYPICAL!

FRONT-PAGE NEWS, LET ALL THE BOYS KNOW, GET A GOOD GANDER AT THIS DAME!

THAT'S RIGHT! THE FREE PRESS STANDING UP FOR US LITTLE GUYS! SHE'S FAT ANYWAY! MAKE SURE YOU QUOTE ME ON THAT!

WHY, HELLO THERE!

YOU PROBABLY DON'T REMEMBER ME, BUT I'M YOUR *GRANDPA!*

YOU'VE GOT NO CLUE WHERE YOU ARE--*AGAIN*--DO YA? YOU GOT YOURSELF INTO QUITE A BIND WITH US YES-MEN, BUT IT WAS MY VERY *GRACIOUS* NATURE THAT SAVED YOUR LIFE.

WELCOME TO OUR FRATERNAL CITY, A SIMULATED REALITY YOU CAME FOR YOUR LITTLE GIRLS, AND YOU'LL SEE WE'RE TREATING THEM REAL PROPER.

SIMULATED WHAT?

YOU REALLY DON'T GOT A CLUE. WE ARE *ALL MEN*, AIN'T WE?!

AND MEN DON'T JUDGE OTHER MEN FOR THEIR MANLY PREDILECTIONS, DO WE, ERNEST?

NO, SIR! I'M FIXIN' TO HAVE A "*PREDILECTION*" THIS EVENING MYSELF.

SEE, JOE? THIS IS A SHARED NEURAL NEXUS--A PLACE FOR REAL MEN TO DOWNLOAD THEIR BRAINS AND INDULGE IN WHATEVER THEY'RE INCLINED TO!

NOW, I'M SORRY YOU PROBABLY CAN'T REMEMBER MUCH, BUT YOU AGREED TO JOIN OUR HUMBLE PROGRAM. SO I'M GOING TO HOLD YOU TO THAT. YOU'RE A MAN OF THE LAW, AND I'M SURE YOU CAN RESPECT THAT.

NEURAL NEXUS--LIKE *THE GREEN...**

HA! YOU'RE A RELIC, JOE, JUST LIKE ME.

I REMEMBER THE DAYS OF MEGA-CITY ONE.

*. -GREAT RELAXING ENTIRE ENGAGEMENT NEXUS: SEE PREVIOUS ISSUE

YOU REMEMBER?! YOU'RE *TELLING* ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW NOW--

DON'T YA WORRY 'BOUT THAT. *I'M* RUNNING THIS SHOW.

THIS WHOLE VIRTUAL SYSTEM RUNS STRAIGHT THROUGH MY BRAIN. WE ALL MAY BE MEN HERE...

...BUT I'M A *GOD AMONGST MEN.*

I BET YOU THINK WE'RE DISGUSTING PIGS. I BET YOU'RE WORRYING HOW YOU'LL KEEP *YOUR GIRLS SAFE. LOLO. QUILL. IGGY.*

BUT AIN'T IT DISGUSTING SEEING A WOMAN DRESSED LIKE THAT? HOW ARE REAL MEN SUPPOSED TO CONTROL THEMSELVES?

YOU'RE GONNA SEE TO IT THAT THESE LADIES KEEP IN LINE.

WE *EXHAUST* OUR SUPPLY PRETTY BRISKLY, IF YOU GET MY DRIFT, AND NEED A FRESH BATCH EVERY MONTH.

YOU THINK I'LL HELP YOU KIDNAP, BRUTALIZE, AND ENSLAVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN?

YOU ALREADY AGREED TO THIS. YOUR MEMORY IS JUST CATCHING UP TO YOU. YOU'LL UNDERSTAND SOON ENOUGH.

WE CAN'T UNHOOK YOUR GIRLS...

"... YOU REMEMBER NOW, DON'T YOU? LOLO, TOUGH GIRL, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HANDLE HERSELF QUILL, TOO.

"BUT IGGY, SHE'S A FRAIL ONE."

YOU COULD'VE JUST LET THEM BE, BUT YOU INSISTED...

"...YOU ALMOST KILLED YOURSELF TRYING, BUT YOU FINALLY SAW THINGS CLEARLY: YOU'D DIE AND THEY'D STILL BE LEFT WITH US YES-MEN. AND A YES-MAN NEVER HEARD THE WORD 'NO' IN HIS LIFE."

SO YOU AGREED TO JOIN US, AND WE'D LET YOU TAKE CARE OF YA GIRLS.

"I PROMISE. IT'LL BE REAL NICE. AIN'T LIKE YOUR OLD MEGA-CITY, YOU AND I--WE GONNA DO THINGS RIGHT AROUND HERE."

YOU DROKKING CREEP.

WHAT DO *YOU* KNOW ABOUT MEGA-CITY ONE?

I KNOW YOU LET THE FEMALES RUN IT INTO THE GROUND.

MEGA-CITY ONE AT ITS WORST WAS BETTER THAN THIS SICK, BRAIN-DRAIN WORLD YOU'VE MADE HERE.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE CRUDHEADS OUT IN THE GRASS?

WE LET THEM GO EVENTUALLY, WHY DO YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS HERE?

IT'S ALL IN THEIR HEADS.

I'M TAKING MY GIRLS OUT OF HERE, SOON AS YOU SPIT OUT WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT MEGA-CITY ONE THROUGH BROKEN TEETH.

YOU WANT TO WATCH YOUR TONGUE, BOY.

YOU GOT NO POWER HERE, ***I MADE SURE OF IT.*** I WON'T MAKE NICE, IF YOU DON'T.

LOOK AT YOU--YOU LET THE WOMEN RUN THINGS IN MEGA-CITY ONE, AND SEE WHERE THAT GOT YOU? BEST TIME IN HISTORY WAS ANCIENT AMERICA! THE MEN ON TOP, WOMEN ON THEIR ARM, AND ALL THE DIRTY RACES UNDER BOOT.

I BET YOU FEEL AS WEAK AS A LITTLE GIRL? JUST LIKE THAT JUDGE BERGER. JUST ANOTHER WEAK, OVEREMOTIONAL WOMAN RUINED EVERYTHING.

WE WENT AND MADE OUR OWN WORLD WHERE MEN DON'T GOTTA WORRY ABOUT BEING "EQUAL." OFF THAT DIRTY GRASS.

JUDGE BERGER DID ALL OF THIS?!

YOUR MIND WAS A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK, TOOK SOME TINKERING.

BUT WE GOT THE FIGHT OUT OF YOU, PUT YOU IN THE BODY OF YOUR ROOKIE SELF.

TELL ME WHAT THE DROKK DOES JUDGE BERGER HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?

YOU ***NEED*** TO DECIDE WHAT YOU NEED FROM ME.

DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR THREE GIRLS SAFE 'N' SOUND?

OR DO YOU WANT ME TO HEAR BEDTIME STORIES 'BOUT MEGA-CITY ONE?

I CAN SNAP YOUR NECK RIGHT HERE. AND LOLO... QUILL... IGGY--THEY'LL BE WITH US...

THAT'S ENOUGH. WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

"WE DON'T WANT NOTHING! THE QUESTION IS, WHAT KIND OF FUTURE DO *YOU* WANT IN THIS WORLD?"

SIX MONTHS LATER.

GOOD EVENING, JOE!

GOOD EVENING, WHITLEY. HOW IS YOUR WIFE?

FOUND HER WITH HER HEAD IN THE OVEN LAST NIGHT--AGAIN.

YOU'RE A PIECE OF—

CRAP!

YA SEE THE NEW SKIRT? *CRAP* COFFEE. CAN'T BREW A CUP OF JOE TO SAVE HER LIFE.

WHATCHA HAVIN', JOE?

UH, JUST THE USUAL, PLEASE.

SURE THING, COMING RIGHT UP.

HEY, *SKIRT*--SMILE, WILL YA? THAT'S JUDGE JOE DREDD.

OH, MY GOD! ERNEST! SOMEONE KILLED ERNEST!

I SAW 'EM. A MAN IN BLACK. COULDN'T MAKE OUT HIS FACE!

JESUS H. CHRIST. WHAT KIND OF SICK MAN WOULD DO THIS IN OUR WORLD?! THIRD TIME THIS MONTH.

WHAT THE DROKK?!

GRANDPA, I *NEED* TO UNPLUG SYSTEM GLITCHES--AGAIN.

YOU KNOW, I CAN SEE A WOMAN DOING THIS. BUT A MAN? MUST BE HIS TIME OF THE MONTH. *HAHA.*

I CAN'T DO TH S. THESE SCUMBAGS DESERVE WHAT THEY GET, BUT I'M ONLY IN THERE TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THREE GIRLS.

CAN'T RISK ONE OF YOU PERVS GETTING OFF ON KILL NG NOW.

WATCH YOUR L P, BOY. YOU JUST MAKE SURE THE WOMEN KNOW THE R PLACE. EVER S NCE YOU GOT HERE, I A.N'T SEEN YOU ONCE BACKHAND ONE OF THEM BROADS!

YOU WORR ED ABOUT THE KIDS, WORRY ABOUT *ME* F RST.

I COULD KILL YOU. HERE. NOW.

AND I'D MAKE DAMN SURE THE BOYS ON THE INSIDE TAKE CARE OF DEM KIDS IN YOUR STEAD.

IN THERE.

FOREVER.

DO YOU LIKE BE NG A FAM LY MAN, DREDD?

YOU CAN LEAVE WHENEVER YOU WANT, I WON'T HOLD T AGA NST YA.

OTHERWISE, JACK BACK IN AND SHUT YOUR MOUTH.

ROUGH DAY TODAY, HONEY?

'NOTHER MURDER DOWNTOWN-- ERNEST HENJEKKER.

YEAH, THE SWEET MAN WITH THE FANCY CAR SETUP?

SLIME BUCKET DESERVED IT. THEY ALL DO.

LOLO, BE QUIET. DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU ARE.

HE'S RIGHT, SWEETIE. DON'T FORGET, THE YES-MEN ARE IN CHARGE HERE.

DREDD! YOU PROMISED YOU'D PROTECT US! BUT WE'VE BEEN STUCK HERE FOR MONTHS!

I--

GIRLS, WHY DON'T YOU CLEAN UP, AND WE WILL COME TUCK YOU IN FOR BED SOON?

THIS ISN'T NORMAL. THIS DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.

IT'S HOW IT IS. WE GOTTA TAKE CARE OF THE KIDS.

SOMETHING IS WRONG. LIKE I'M MISSING SOMETHING IN MY HEAD.

MISSING?

HAPPENED AGAIN WITH THE MURDER TODAY. WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW THE LAW IS SUPPOSED TO BE, NOT HOW THIS PLACE IS, MY MIND GOES BLANK.

THEN THE GLITCHING. CAN BARELY SEE STRAIGHT.

KPOW

CALIBER

WE DID OUR BEST, DREDD. I KNOW ONE OF THESE HAGS DID IT. PROBABLY GOT SECRET FEMINIST SYMPATHIES!

CALM DOWN, OFFICER. WE WILL GET THIS SORTED.

SORTED? SORTED?! YOU SOME KINDA PINKO? THESE BROADS GOTTA BE PUT DOWN. THIS CITY AIN'T SAFE.

ALL RIGHT, LADIES. Y'ALL BEEN ALL SUSPECTED OF HYSTERIA.

PLEASE MOVE YO LITTLE FANNIES INTO THE NICE, COMFY PADDY WAGONS.

HEY, YOU CAN'T DO THIS! CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS PIG?!

UNBELIEVABLE. WE'RE TIRED OF THIS CRAP!

HEY! YOU KNOW THE RULES: NO SKIRT SHALL SPEAK TO ANOTHER SKIRT UNLESS THAT SKIRT IS SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO THEIR MAN! SHADDAP!

THESE WOMEN HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING.

AIN'T NO SUCH THING AS A WOMAN WHO AIN'T GUILTY FOR SOMETHIN' BRINGING THESE WOMEN TO THE FUNNY FARM.

NO. NO FUNNY FARM. PURGE THEM FROM THE SYSTEM.

POW

YOU'RE ALL DROKKIN' CREEPS. YOU'RE ALL DROKKIN' SCUM. ALL OF YOU THE WORST KIND

THINK YOU DESERVE THIS. THINK YOU'RE OWED THIS. TRYING TO KEEP SOME SPACE IN THE WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BELIEVE IT.

CUTE GUN.

BUT MINE'S BIGGER.

YOUR BULLETS CAN'T EVEN SCRATCH ME!

YOU'RE A SWEET GUY, HONEST, BUT WHAT IS THIS? SOME KINDA MACHO CONTEST?

YOU CAN'T HURT ME! IT'S PART OF OUR AGREEMENT, REMEMBER?!

BUT WE CAN!

WHAT HAS BEEN GETTING INTO THESE WOMEN TODAY?!

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE? YOU'RE MY WIFE, YOU CAN'T BE GETTING MIXED UP IN THIS.

DREDD REMEMBER, YOU NEVER HAD A WIFE. I WAS YOUR PARTNER. GRANDPA'S MESSED WITH YOUR BRAIN.

THAT ISN'T THE REAL ANDERSON, YOU MORON!

HERSHEY, ANDERSON, BERGER--WOMEN DESTROY EVERYTHING! AND AFTER I KILL YOU, I'LL *DESTROY LOLO, QUILL, AND IGGY.*

YOU GOTTA GET HIM OUT OF YOUR HEAD DREDD.

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THIS IS MY FACE!

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP.

YEAH? LET ME SEE IF YOUR GIRLS WILL JOIN YOU

DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT. WE WENT INTO YOUR BRAIN AND PUT ALL THE MEAN PARTS IN A NICE LITTLE BOX.

GUESS YOU CAN'T KEEP AN OLD DOG LIKE YOU DOWN. IT DON'T MATTER. DEAL'S THE SAME.

BUT NOW YOU GOTTA GO. YOU TURN YOUR GUN ON YOURSELF AND THESE GIRLS WON'T DIE.

DON'T DO IT, JUDGE DAD.

BLAM

IGGY!

YOU BASTARD!

USER AGREEMENT VOIDED.

FATAL ERRORS DETECTED

SYSTEM SIMULATION COLLAPSE IMMINENT

SHE AIN'T REALLY DEAD IS SHE? NONE OF THIS IS REAL, RIGHT? IT'S ALL VIRTUAL REALITY, ISN'T IT?

I DON'T... KNOW.

NO, TELL ME! IS THIS REAL, DREDD?!

IT'S REAL, LOLO.

"THE LAW, IT WASN'T WORK NG."

IT MADE EVERYONE . CR M NALS.

EVERYONE S INNOCENT AGAIN. NO MORE LAWS.

T'S WORTH IT UTOPIA MAKES IT WORTH IT

"UTOPIA IS ALWAYS WORTH IT, RIGHT?"

IGGY!

SHE'S GONE.

YOU SAID YOU'D PROTECT HER! YOU SAID YOU'D SAVE US!

...

-:COUGH:- -:COUGH:- OH, GOD. MEDDLING KIDS.

GO AHEAD, KILL ME, YOU'LL NEVER GET BACK THAT LITTLE GIRL.

THAT PART OF YOUR DAMN BRAIN, THAT UNBREAKABLE CODE, CAUSING ALL THEM GLITCHES, ALL THOSE MURDERS.

I WIPED IT WHEN IT CRASHED THE SYSTEM. I DELETED THE *LAW* FROM YOUR MIND!

GO AHEAD, TELL ME HOW MANY YEARS I'LL BE DOING FOR THESE CRIMES? THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO NOW, ISN'T IT?

NO STATUTES, NO PENAL CODES NOTHING IT'S ALL GONE BLANK.

LITTLE FAREWELL GIFT FROM ME TO YOU.

LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF MAN YOU ARE NOW.

YOU COULDN'T SAVE YOUR CITY, COULDN'T SAVE THE LAW, AND YOU COULDN'T EVEN SAVE A LITTLE GIRL.

LET ME TEAR OUT HIS EYES.

YOU SHOULD'VE LET US BE, WE GAVE YOU WHAT YOU WANTED.

NO. WE'LL DO WORSE. YOUR BRAINS WILL BE CRUSHED, AND YOUR IDEAS WITH THEM.

WHAT ABOUT THEM, DREDD?

THEY'LL PASS AWAY IN THEIR SLEEP THE ONLY MERCY THEY'LL KNOW.

ALL THE BRAINS ARE DEAD, THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN DISCONNECTED

IT'S... IT'S ALL GONE. BLACK. NOTHING IS LEFT.

YOUR BODY WILL ROT HERE. BUT WE WILL KEEP YOUR BRAIN PLUGGED IN TO WHATEVER IS LEFT OF THAT WORLD, ALONE. FOREVER.

HUH?

BERGER TOOK THE LAW TO ITS INEVITABLE CONCLUSION AND IT COST US EVERYTHING.

IT WASN'T WORTH 800 MILLIONS LIVES. IT WASN'T WORTH JOGGY'S LIFE.

CAN WE GO?

IT ISN'T WORTH THIS.

ART BY GARGAS MILOSEVIC

PART 7: GRAMMAR NAZIS

SPLISH
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FRIENDS?

WE HAVE FOOD! FOOD, SHELTER, AND CLEAN WATER. UM, UH... WE HAVE SAFETY!

HAVE FAITH, YOUNG HUMANS. WE ARE TAKING AS MUCH A RISK INVITING YOU TO OUR REFUGE AS YOU ARE TRUSTING ME.

I AM CHARLES, AND YOUR NAMES?

I'M QUILL. THIS IS LOLO, PUG DREDD, AND JUDGE DREDD.

IS THAT ALL OF YOU?

WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND, CREEP?

THIS IS JURY ONE, MY PERSONAL SECURITY DRONE IN THE REFUGE. WE ALL GET ONE.

FRIENDS?

BETTER KEEP MOVING. WE AIN'T NTERESTED--

--"WE *AREN'T* NTERESTED"

STOP REPEATING WHAT I BE SAYING--

--"STOP REPEATING WHAT I *SAID*."

THAT'S ENOUGH. YOU HEARD THE G RL, KEEP IT MOV NG, CREEP.

APOLOGIES. GRAMMAR IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN THE REFUGE. WE ALL FIND GREAT JOY IN PERFECTING OUR VERNACULAR.

VERNACULAR BRINGS CHARACTER, AND WE LOVE ALL CHARACTERS IN THE REFUGE. NONE CAN RIVAL THE REFUGE IN TOLERANCE AND EQUALITY!

COMPARED TO WHAT? THIS MUSTY SWAMP?

WHY, YES, IT IS CERTAINLY AN IMPROVEMENT FROM THIS MUSTY SWAMP, YES

STOP TRYING TO TRICK US, YO!

TELL US WHAT YOU'RE REALLY UP TO AND QUIT IT WITH THE BIG WORDS TALK!

APOLOGIES AGAIN! I JUST FIGURED YOU'RE ALL HUNGRY. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR GROUP. SURVIVAL IN THE GRASS MEANS WE ALL MUST DEPEND ON ONE ANOTHER! WE WELCOME ALL ABLE BODIES.

I KNOW, BUT I AIN'T GETTING SNATCHED BY NO YES-MAN AGAIN.

LOLO, WE HAVEN'T EATEN IN A FEW DAYS.

GIRLS, HE KNOWS HE'S IN OVER HIS HEAD.

LET'S SEE WHAT HE HAS TO OFFER, BUT KEEP YOUR HEADS UP, EYES OPEN.

I'M THRILLED THAT YOU HAVE AGREED TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF!

EVERYONE WILL BE EXCITED TO HAVE SOME ABLE BODIES TO HELP US!

--HEAR THAT, LOLO? ABLE BODIES.

I THINK I'VE HEARD ENOUGH.

KRAKKK!

THWAK!

UGH!

LOLO. COOL OFF.

WE SHOULD CHECK THIS PLACE OUT OURSELVES.

WE'RE LITTLE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO SNEAK IN AND OUT WITHOUT ANYONE NOTICING. C'MON, LOLO.

"ABLE BOD ES" SOUNDS LIKE A BJNCH OF CANN BALS TO ME.

PSSHH. YOU AIN'T WRONG. YOU KNOW THEY GOTTA BE DOING SOMETHING DROKKED UP.

SO, I WAS THINK NG ABOUT YOJR THEORY ABOUT HOW TO MPROVE ON OUR ARCHA C ASS M LAT ON PROCESS

WE CAN AND SHOULD MOVE BEYOND ASS M LAT.ON OR REMOVAL, A RADICAL REDEFINING OF OJR RULES AND PROTECT.ONS.

NO REASON TO THINK WE ALL COJLDN'T BE HAPPY.

WHOA...

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT SMELLS LIKE OLD PEOPLE HERE.

HELLO, ARE YOU LOST?

GET AWAY FROM US!

ARF

OH, BERGER, THAT'S ANNOYING THAT'S THE THIRD ONE THIS MONTH.

WHAT D D YOU SAY?

YOUR GIRLS BROKE THE DRONE NOW, I MUST SAY, THEY SEEM L.KE N CE LITTLE G.RLS, BUT--

TELL ME WHERE BERGER IS! IS SHE AT THE REFUGE?!

WHAT?! IT'S JUST AN EXPRESSION!

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.

IT'S A CHILDREN'S FABLE! I SWEAR! *BERGER*-- THE VOICE N THE WIND, THE DIV NE ORCHESTRATOR OF FATE!

PLEASE, PUT ME DOWN. I'M TERR BLY SCARED OF YOU.

I D DN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOJ. F I KNEW YOU WERE RELIGIOUS, I WOULDN'T HAVE JSED HER NAME N VAIN.

BERGER MEANS SOMETHING MUCH DIFFERENT WHERE I'M FROM.

BERGER HELPS THOSE WHO ARE LOST N THIS WORLD.

BERGER IS THE SPIRIT THAT WILL GUIDE YOU HOME.

I KNEW IT. DROKKING WE RDO CULT PEOPLE.

HELP! SOMEONE HELP US! HELP!

YOU TOUCH MY SISTER, I SWEAR I'LL KILL YOU!

HOW DID YOJ GET BACK HERE?! WHERE'S DREDD?! WHAT DID YOJ DO WITH H.M?!

YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN, QJILL. THAT'S ALL WE WANT.

TH S S HOW WE STAY SAFE HERE. IT'S *JUST SIMPLE* RULES HERE.

I'M SORRY, IT'S MY FAULT. CHARLES DID NOT PROPERLY EXPLAIN OUR CJSTOMS HERE.

QJILL, WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT YOJ, TO KEEP YOU SAFE.

GO SUCK AN EGG--JUDGE DREDD KEEPS US SAFE.

SO WHAT KND OF WERDO CULT IS THIS?

WE WERE KEEPING YOU HERE AS WE EVALUATED THE APPROPRIATE TRIGGER WARNNGS.

THAT DOESN'T MAKE JS A CULT. WE MJST MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE SAFE, AS WELL AS YOU ARE.

WHAT HAPPENS F WE DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR CORNY WARNNGS?! WHAT YOU GONNA DO THEN?

HM, THAT IS WHAT OUR SECURTY DRONES ARE FOR.

JURY ONE? IF SOMEONE DOESN'T RESPECT OUR CAREFULLY STATED WARNINGS, WHAT SHALL WE DO?

F A CITZEN OF THE REFUGE IGNORES WARNINGS AND RULES, THEY ARE ALL FREE TO LEAVE AND THE REFUGE WILL FORGET THEM AS SOON AS THEY DEPART

HOWEVER, THAT IS A FAIR QJESTON. MAY I ASK WHY YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE SAFE WITHN THE REFJGE?

UGH.

LET'S JJST GET OJT OF HERE, LOLO, I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T BREATHE HERE.

GET OUT? I'M SURE YOU WILL FIND THE REFUGE PROVIDES ALL THAT YOU NEED.

YOU SIMPLY MUST FOLLOW THREE RULES: WATCH YOUR TONE.

CHECK YOUR .NEQUALITY.

ADM N STER RE-ASSIMILATION.

COME, JO N ME OUTS DE.

NOW, YOU WILL HAVE A DRONE, TOO. ALL THE CITIZENS OF THE REFUGE ARE WIRED INTO THE DRONES-- WE CAN ALWAYS SEE AND BE SEEN BY EVERYONE ELSE.

MAN, CAN'T YOU WE RD CULTS JJST COME OUT AND SAY YOU'RE A WE RD CULT?

ALL THESE DRONES WATCH.NG ME ALL THE T ME?

YEAH, IT'S L KE CAN I *L..IIVVEEE?*

NAME YOUR DRONE AND THEN TELL IT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT *BEING WATCHED.*

MAKE SURE TO NOT REFER TO ANYONE IN PARTICJLAR, BUT A VAGLE THREAT OF A TONE VIOLATION S OFTEN ENOUGH TO KEEP OJR COMMUNITY IN PEACE.

LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.

JURY ONE: I'D LIKE TO REPORT A SUB-TONE VIOLATION.

POSSIBLE HOST LE THOUGHTS IN THE V C.NITY OF AREA-ONE PUBLIC SPACE.

THANK YOU. CHARLES

ALL THIS INTER-COMMUNITY XENOPHOB A S REALLY NOT LIKE JS, LET'S NTRODJCE QUILL TO THE BEST THE REFJGE CAN OFFER.

THIS SUB-TONE VIOLATION HAS BEEN NOTED

ALL LOCAL DRONES HAVE BEEN SET TO CODE YELLOW

YOU WILL CEASE UNCOMFORTAB.Y LONG GAZES OR R SK REMOVAL FROM THE REFUGE

I'M NOT STARING AT THOSE GIRLS! I SWEAR--

OKAY! I'LL STOP! I APOLOG ZE! WE JUST NEVER HAD NO YOUNG PEOPLE HERE IN SUCH A LONG TIME.

CIT ZEN, YOU VE ALSO MADE A CODE-YELLOW GRAMMAR V OLAT ON, SECT ON 3 2 OF THE RAVE D ALECTAL EDICTS

SORRY YOL HAD TO SEE THAT. IT PAINS ME TO SEE CITIZENS JUST PLAIN D SRESPECTING ANOTHER'S BOJNDARIES.

PUN SHMENT?! THAT A N'T NOTH NG! QUILL, WHY ARE WE STILL HERE?!

AH!

"THAT *ISN'T* *ANYTHING*."

OH, GOSH, SORRY! LET ME FIX SOMETHING.

I WILL ALLOW A SIX-DAY PROBATION PER OD TO HELP YOU BOTH GET ASSIM LATED.

I'M GETTING REALLY TIRED OF YOJ, STRANGER.

C'MON, QJILL, IT'S BEEN DAYS! WHAT'S THE PLAN?! I FEEL IT, ANY SECOND NOW, THEY GONNA TRY TO ST CK US IN A BOX AGA N OR MAKE JS FIGHT A TROG.

YOU GOT TO CH.LL OUT, LOLO, TH S PLACE S SAFE DREDD EVEN SEEMS TO BE GETTING BACK TO NORMAL, HE VOLLNTEERED FOR A GUARD ROTATION.

YOU THINK THIS PLACE S SAFE?! YOU'RE CRAZ ER THAN THAT WEIRDO OLD MAN! HE'S PROBABLY A SECRET YES-MAN!

THERE'S NO V OLAT.ON HERE, DRONE, WE'VE BEEN GRANTED A PROBATIONARY EXTENS ON TO ACQUAINT JS TO SPEAK NG GOOD.

"SPEAKING *WELL*."

YEAH, THAT.

YOU KNOW, IT WAS ME THAT SAVED YOU. I WENT AND FOUND H M.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, LOLO?

I WENT AND FOUND DREDD. GOT MYSELF FLJSHED DOWN THE RESYK TLBES AND EVERYTH NG.

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I WENT THROUGH. DREDD WOJLD'VE NEVER LOOKED BACK .F IT WASN'T FOR ME.

I MISS IGGY, TOO. REAL BAD. F SHE WAS HERE, I WOLLD WANT HER TO ENJOY A PLACE THAT IS ACTUALLY N CE.

THIS PLACE IS N CE, LOLO. I'M GO NG TO F ND DREDD IF YOL WANNA HATE THIS PLACE, YOU CAN DO IT BY YOURSELF.

GOOD EVEN NG, LOLO. SOME OF JS THOUGHT YOJ'D ENJOY A HEARTY D.NNER, GIVE YOJ A CHANCE TO SEE WE AREN'T SO BAD.

I WON'T TAKE *NO* FOR AN ANSWER.

WHAT D D YOU SAY?

I WON'T TAKE NO...

OH...

OH, NO. I D DN'T MEAN--

YES. MAN.

YES-MAN I HATE YES-MEN. *THEY DON'T HEAR YOU WHEN YOU SAY NO.*

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?!

EVERYWHERE WE GO, WE ALWAYS JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO TRY SOMETH NG THIS TIME, I'M TRYING SOMETH NG F.RST!

.O.O M.RDER IS A CODE TRIPLE REO VIOLAT ON YOU W.LL BE REMOVED FROM THE REFUGE--

PROBATION EXTENSION!

HOW'S THAT FOR ASSIMILAT ON?!

I'M GONNA BE THE LAW NOW!

CHECK MY GRAMMAR NOW!

ERROR

NEW LAW: NO MORE BREATH NG!

OH NO!

YOU ALL UNDERSTAND NOW?! NO ONE HERE IS GOING TO TOUCH ME OR MY FAM LY AGAIN!

PLEASE, PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO STOP--

YOU'RE TRYING TO TRICK ME!

AAAAH!

I'VE HEARD OF THOSE YES-MEN.

WH LE I'M QJ TE GLAD YOU DID AWAY WITH THEM, IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IT TOOK A TOLL ON YOU AND YOJR G RLS' PSYCHE.

I'VE LOST LOTS OF JUDGES, CADETS, PARTNERS, BUT FEW BROTHERS.

THE LAW KEEPS THINGS SIMPLE. JJDGE, CITIZEN. JUDGE, PERP THERE'S NO PLACE FOR JJDGE AND FAMILY.

THERE IS PLENTY OF SPACE AT THE REFJGE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK IN SJCH STARK CONTRASTS.

WE ARE ALL EQLAL HERE. FAM LY IS AN ARCHA C CONCEPT, SAME AS THE LAW.

I MEMOR ZED THE FLLL BOOK OF LAW. I SPENT EVERY WAK.NG HOJR MAK NG SURE EVERYONE WAS SAFE, HO.DING ANY BOND AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANOTHER WAS A L.ABILITY.

NOW I'M IN A WORLD WITHOUT LAWS, AND EVEN I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAW, AND THAT MAKES *ME* THE LIAB.L TY.

WE'VE MADE ORDER HERE; WE'VE KEPT OJR PEOPLE SAFE WE CAN SPEND OUR DAYS READ NG H STORY OR PLANN NG FOR A PEACEFJL FJTJRE

IN A PEACEFUL WORLD, IT ONLY TAKES ONE MADMAN TO MAKE IT CRAZY AGAIN.

F YOU'RE A MADMAN, WOULDN'T YOU THINK THE WORLD WAS CRAZY ALREADY?

TELL YOU WHAT, I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE DATA-SHEETS ON THE FABLED BERGER THAT WE HAVE. THAT ALWAYS CALMS ME.

HEY, DREDD? LOLO--SHE'S GETT.NG A L TTLE STRANGE, MAYBE YOJ OUGHT TO TALK TO HER.

LOLO'S RULES
LOLO IS LAW
99% DON'T FORGET

GOSH, WHAT HAPPENED?

OH, MY BERGER, WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE BACK. WE TRIED OUR BEST TO DISPLAY OUR DISAPPROVAL APPROPRIATELY.

THAT GIRL LOLO WENT CRAZY! STARTED TO ATTACK THE WHOLE TOWN. WE GANGED UP ON HER AND TIED HER UP--

DO YOU KNOW HOW OFFENSIVE THAT IS?! WE DO *NOT* TIE UP EACH OTHER. WHY AREN'T THE DRONES OPERATING?

YOU DID WHAT?!

WHERE'S LOLO?!

LOLO?

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

THEY ARE JUST LIKE THE YES-MEN! I TOLD THEM NO, BUT THEY WOULDN'T LISTEN. I DIDN'T WANT HIS STUPID SOUP!

HE GRABBED ME! HE WOULD'VE HURT QUILL! HE WOULD'VE HURT YOU!

LOLO, THESE PEOPLE ARE HARMLESS. THEY HAVE A STRICT CODE, BJT THEY ARE NONVIOLENT. THEY ARE SCARED OF HLRT NG A FLY.

YOU WEREN'T HERE! THEY WERE D.FFERENT! TELL H M, QUILL! TELL THEM HOW THEY WERE TRYING TO HJRT JS!

QUILL?

LET'S ALL TAKE A STEP BACK. WE WOULDN'T WANT TO JUMP TO CONCLUS ONS.

WE MJST LISTEN TO EVERY SIDE. ACCJSATIONS OF FALSEHOODS ARE VERY DAMAG NG.

I HAD TO PUNISH THEM LIKE YOU WOJLD I TOLD THEM I'M THE LAW. THEY WOULDN'T L STEN ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WOJLD DO, DREDD?

MY BERGER.. SHE BASHED HIS FACE IN WITH A ROCK--

QUIET. I WANT TO HEAR T FROM THEM.

DO NOT S LENCE ME! I WI.L NO LONGER WATCH MY TONE! *THAT CHILD IS A LIAR AND A MURDERER.*

CHARLES, MURDER IS NO REASON FOR YOU TO ADOPT THE RHETORIC OF THE OPPRESSOR.

WHAT?! DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME OUT AT THIS TIME. THAT CHILD WANTS TO KILL US.

ALL OF YOU--SHUT YOUR MOUTHS *FOR ONE SECOND.*

IT WAS BAD, DREDD! REAL BAD! THIS WHOLE TOWN, THEY WERE ALL PSYCHO! LOOKING AT ME! FAKING NICE SO THEY COULD TRICK US!

YOU'RE A LIAR AND A MURDERER! *YOU RUINED THE SANCTITY OF THIS REFUGE!*

WHAT DID YOU DO, LOLO? NO LIES. NO TRICKS. NO...

..NO LAWS.

NO ONE CAN JUDGE YOU.

NO ONE CAN JUDGE ME?

I WANTED TO HURT THEM. I WANTED TO HURT THEM REAL BAD

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PART 8: YOU HAVE 4 NEW FOLLOWERS

NINE MONTHS SINCE LOLO KILLED.

LOLO IS DEAD

THE NEXT MORNING.

HM 06:40.. CHARLES IS LATE FOR HIS ROTATION. THAT'S UNLIKE HIM.

-:SNIFF:-
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CHARLES? YOU'RE 13 MINUTES LATE FOR YOUR SHIFT.

IF YOU PAID HALF AS MUCH ATTENT.ON TO A SCHEDULE AS YOU PAID TO GRAMMAR..

CHARLES?

SIR.

OUR CHILDREN, THEY'RE GONE.

YOU.

WHERE IS MY DAUGHTER?!

GO AWAY

I DON'T KNOW LEAVE ME ALONE.

HEY! THAT HURTS!

I DON'T CARE WHAT DREDD SAYS, WE'RE TAK NG CARE OF TH S TODAY!

WE ALREADY LET THIS LITTLE DEVIL GIRL GET AWAY W TH TOO MJCH!

WHAT'S GO NG ON HERE?!

S R, DREDD, WE FOUND OUT THAT--

SH-SHE TOOK THIS WOMAN'S CH.LD!

LOLO, DO YOL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER CHILD?

NO, I SWEAR! I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALK.NG ABOUT! I DON'T EVER LEAVE THAT STUPID HUT! EVERYONE HATES ME!

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO PUT HER BACK IN?!

WE'RE WASTING TIME CH.LDREN NEED TO BE FOUND, AND YOU'RE NOT HEL.P NG FIX THAT SITUATION.

SHE IS A PROVEN KILLER! MAKE HER TELL US, THEN!

I'M NOT A KILLER!

I'M NICE!

I'M NICE LIKE IGGY!

THE PUG IS AFRAID TO GO FARTHER.

DOES THIS LOOK LIKE THE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING?

I'M AFRAID SO.

GET YOU AND YOUR SISTER READY, QUILL. WE ARE LEAVING IN AN HOUR.

GOOD THING YOU'RE TAKING THAT GIRL OUT OF HERE. BERGER KNOWS WHAT THEY WOULD DO TO HER IF YOU WEREN'T AROUND.

I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT THAT LITTLE GIRL WOULD DO TO THEM IF I'M NOT AROUND.

I'M NICE...

I'M NICE LIKE IGGY...

LOLO, GET YOUR THINGS TOGETHER.

ARE YOU ALL FINALLY GETTING RID OF ME?

NO, I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR HELP.

YOU TWO WILL WALK THE TRAIL, QUILL WILL TAKE PO NT, I'LL FLANK YOU IN THE BRUSH WATCHING FOR ANY THREATS.

I THINK LOLO SHOULD TAKE POINT, SHE'S STRONGER.

NO, YOU'RE SMARTER.

THE TWO OF YOU WILL BOTH HAVE YOJR CHANCE. QU LL HAS TO GET COMFORTABLE TAK NG THE LEAD. LOLO WILL HANG BEHIND IN THE SHADOWS.

IT'S OKAY. I PREFER THE DARKNESS.

WE'LL SEND THE DOG OUT ON TH S THREAD, THEN FOLLOW IT AS FAR OUT AS T WILL GO.

PUG DREDD'S TOO SCARED.

THE DOG IS SCARED BECAJSE HE KNOWS YOU'RE SCARED. T HAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE IN CONTROL.

KNOW THAT DEEP IN YOUR HEART, YOJ'LL NEVER LOSE CONTROL. YOU *ARE* THE CONTROL.

BLUP

SSWSSSHHH

NOW!

SKREEAAARRAAAKKK!

SKRRRRRKK!

WATCH YOUR FOOTING. CONTROL YOUR BREATHING, IT'LL REDJCE THE SHIVER.NG.

I'M NOT SCARED.

YOU SHOULD BE. FEEL IT IN YOUR BONES.

THERE, THE BAB ES, I TH NK THEY GOT THEM OVER THERE.

DEATH

FEAR

FIRE

WORTS

SSSSTRANGE. THIS ONE RETURNED TO US.

THAT'S ENOUGH, JUDGE DEATH!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN! ONLY YOUR KIND WOULD DESTROY THE WORLD WITHOUT A CARE!

NO MATTERRRR. PREPARRRRRRE THE INJECTIONNNSS.

KEEP YOUR GRUD-FORSAKEN HANDS OFF THAT CHILD.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME, THE LAST T ME WE WILL FACE EACH OTHER--

YOJ'RE .. BLEEDING?

WHO ARE YOU..?!

WE WILL SSSSSSHOW YOUUUUU!

YOOOOUUU AAARREEEE LLLLIIIKKKEEE UUUSSS...

COME WITH USSSSS. WE WILL SSSSHOW YOUUU.

WE WAANNNTTT YOOOUUU TOOO KNNNOOOOWWW...

WHOSE CHILDREN ARE THESE?

THEY ARE ALLLLLL CHILDRENNNNN OF THE GRASSSSS.

SKREEAAARRAAAKKK!

...DELICIOUS LLLIIIFFEEEEEE.

BRRRIIINNNGGG MMMMMMMMFEE DELLLICCIIIOOOUU SSS LLLIIIFFEEE...

I KNOW YOU HEARD THAT, TOO.

BE READY.

QUILL, WHEN I GIVE YOU THE WORD, I WANT YOU TO LIGHT A TORCH AS QUICKLY AS YOU CAN.

YES, SIR.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, SIR?

JUST DON'T LOSE CONTROL. STAY FOCUSED.

... DELICIOUS LLLIIIFFEEEEEE.

GIVE US LIIIFEEEEE!

IS THAT REALLY A BABY?! THIS REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN?!

GIRLS, ARE YOU IN CONTROL?!

Y-YES.

QUILL, THE FIRE, *NOW!*

KKKSSSSS

WHAT ARE YYYYYOU DOINGGGGG?!

I WON'T HESITATE TO GO THROUGH YOU F I HAVE TO, DARK JUDGE OR NOT.

THESE ARE CHILDREN OF THE GRASS, VICTIMS OF THE NANOPHAGE WE ARE TRYING TO PREVENT!

THE GRASS TAKES THE INNOCENT, DISCARDS THE CORRUPTED. BUT SOMETIMES, EVEN THE INNOCENT ARE LOST.

WE CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, BUT FIRST...

...I MUST NOT DIE...

YEARS OF HOUSING THESE MUTANTS HAVE MADE US QUITE CONFIDENT IN OUR ABILITY TO MEND WOUNDS.

I'M ASSJMING YOU WOKE UP ONE DAY WITH NO MEMORY WHERE YOU WERE FROM? A FAMIL AR STORY, INDEED, IT'S WHY NO ONE HAS ANY CONCEPT OF T ME OR PLACE N THIS WORLD. IT HAPPENED TO US, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE.

WHEN DID YOU WAKE UP?

FORTY-F VE YEARS AGO.

YOU REMEMBER THE WAY IT WAS?

YES, AND WE BELIEVE WE'VE FIGURED OUT WHAT THE GRASS IS.

ONE MOMENT I WAS TRAPPED N TRAFF.C ON A MEGWAY, THEN IT ALL WENT GREEN.

THE STERY OF MEGA-CITY ONE

IT WAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TH.NG I'D EVER SEEN, BUT IT WAS ALL A L.E. EVENTUALLY, ONE BY ONE, WE CAME TO KNOW THAT, AND ONCE YOU KNOW, YOU WAKE UP..

WE ALL HAD THE SAME EXPER ENCE.

THERE WAS A STREET DRUG THAT CAJSED MASS HALLJC NAT ONS— CALLED *THE GREEN.*

HM WE DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED IT, BUT WE KNOW WHEN WE AWOKE THE WORLD WAS COVERED IN GRASS.

WE KNOW SOMET.MES CHILDREN ARE BORN IN THE GRASS, WITH NO PARENTS, NO FAMIL.Y--THEY'RE ALL ALONE.

AND WE KNOW SOMET.MES IT TAKES THE CHI.DREN BACK, THEY VANISH INTO TH N AIR. POOF GONE

THEN I MUST KNOW, AND BE VERY CAREFUL HOW YOJ EXPLA.N YOURSELVES.

WHY DID YOU TAKE *THESE CHILDREN?*

THOSE WERE THE F RST NEWBORNS IN YOUR V LLAGE WE'RE INOCULATING THE CH LDREN ALL CH.LDREN.

YOU HAVE KIDS LOCKED N CAGES WITH THOSE MONSTERS.

A NECESSARY EV L.

YOU'RE INJECTING THEM, EXPERIMENTING ON THEM!

WE HAVE TO! THE GRASS DOESN'T ABDUCT CH LDREN WITH IMPLR.TIES!

WE DISCOVERED THE ESSENCES OF THE DARK JUDGES--JUST A BIT OF IT PROTECTS THEM, MAKES THEM .MPJRE!

OR THE GRASS WILL TAKE THEM!

TAKE THEM WHERE?!

IT ALWAYS TAKES THE YOUNGEST ONES! IT TOOK *MY* YOUNGEST ONE. WE USED TO *ALL* HAVE CH LDREN! WHEN THEY WERE BORN, THIS WOR.D SEEMED HALF-L.VABLE!

I SAW MY CH LD TURN TO GRASS.. DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? *WE HAVE TO VACCINATE ALL THE CHILDREN OR THEY WILL DISAPPEAR LIKE MEGA-CITY ONE DID!*

WE KNOW IT'S SICK. FOR EVERY TEN CHILDREN WE VACC NATE, AT LEAST ONE SUCCJMBS TO THE DARKNESS WE INJECT. THEY TURN .NTO A MUTANT.

THERE'S NOTH.NG WE CAN DO.

THE ONES THAT TURN, WE USE THE.R BLOOD TO MAKE MORE VACC NE. THEY GIVE LIFE. DEL.CIOUS LIFE.

DREDD?

YES, LOLO?

I WAS GOOD, RIGHT? NICE LIKE IGGY?

YES, YOU WERE, LOLO. YOJ KEPT CONTROL. WE ALL D D.

THESE OLD PEOPLE SAY THE NICE PEOPLE GET TAKEN BY THE GRASS, TO A HAPPY PLACE. IF I DIE, CAN I BE WITH GGY THERE?

I DON'T TH NK THAT'S HOW IT--

YOJ ALL MADE A TERR.BLE MISTAKE.

"TERR.BLE, TERRIBLE MISTAKE.

"YEARS OF RESEARCH--

"--ALL GONE TO WASTE BECAUSE OF YOUR HUBR S!"

THAT'S ENOUGH! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS BACK AT THE REFUGE

WE WILL BE HOME SHORTLY. JUST PLEASE SIT STILL--

DON'T CRY, YOU'LL BE WITH YOUR PARENTS SOON.

EVERYTHING OKAY? I'M GOOD WITH BAB ES I THINK.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

WE COULD'VE PREVENTED TH S!

NO! NOT AGA.N! DON'T TURN! MY GRUD, DON'T TURN!

NO! GRUD DAMN IT! NO!

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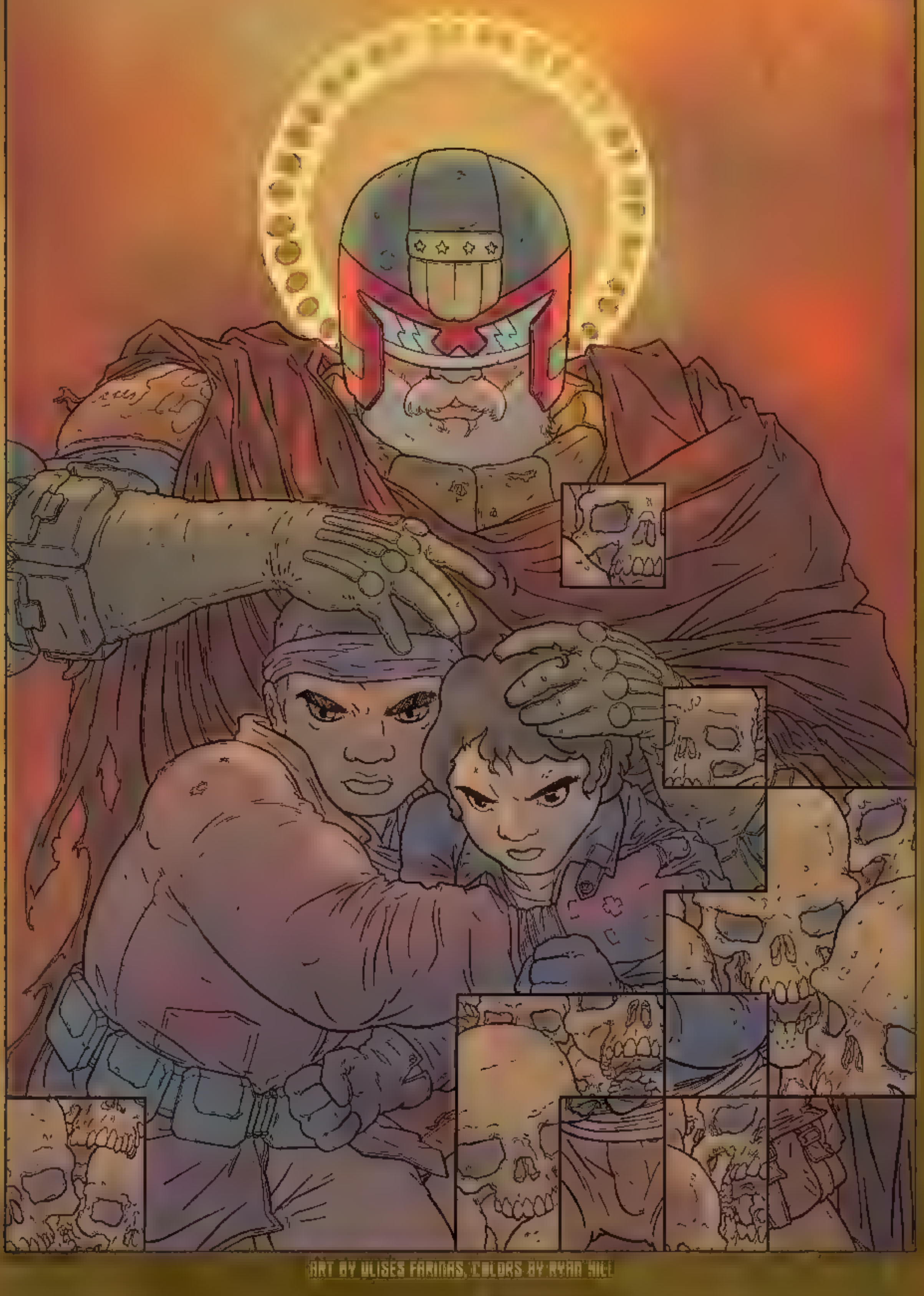

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HE'S JJST A TAKER, HE DOESN'T BELONG HERE. *THEY* DON'T BELONG HERE.

BJNCH OF SICKOS EXPER MENTED ON OJR CHILDREN.

YOU CALL YOURSELF A JJDGE! BUT YOU'RE THE ONE BR NG NG IN ALL THE CREEPS!

YOU'RE JUST TALK NG TO THESE BABY K LLERS!

JUDGE THEM, ENFORCE THE LAW! THAT'S YOUR JOB, SN'T IT?!

YOU'RE CAJS NG A DISTJRBANCE AND TRESPASS NG. CONS DER THIS A WARNING.

MUST BE NICE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE UP THE RULES WHEREVER YOL GO LET'S JJST HOPE OTHER PEOPLE DON'T START DOING THE SAME.

THAT WAS THE SECOND TIME THOSE MOTHERS WERE HERE THIS WEEK.

THIS IS EXACTLY WHY WE DID OUR EXPERIMENTS IN A REMOTE LOCAT ON.

THEY'LL COME AROUND WE'LL REPAIR THAT WINDOW AND PUT LOCKS ON THE DOORS.

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

WE'RE FINALLY MAKING SOME PROGRESS ON AN EFFECTIVE VACCINE.

MY GRUD...

THIS COULD BE IT

IT MAKES YOU WONDER, WHOSE POUND OF FLESH DID WE JUST DOWNLOAD?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT *IS* THAT?

THE VACCINE, ONE WITHOUT THE SIDE EFFECTS.

SIDE EFFECTS? YOU *NEVER* TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE. I'M TRYING MY BEST TO EXPLAIN TO EVERYONE--

FINE BUT TELLING THEM WON'T MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND.

THE VACCINE, IT KEEPS A PERSON FROM BEING TAKEN, BEING DISAPPEARED. AND IT TRANSFORMS SOME CHILDREN INTO DISGUSTING MONSTERS

YOU THINK THE MOTHERS NEED TO HEAR THAT?

NO...

WE JUST NEED TO LEARN MORE TO MAKE *POLLEN*. SOON, EVERYONE WILL BE PROTECTED, AND WE CAN RELEASE THE VACCINE IN THE A.I.R.

DREDD, CAN I HAVE A WORD WITH YOU?

ALONE.

YOU NEED TO TELL THEM SOMETHING. THEY NEED TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE PLAYING SCIENTIST WITH THESE FOLKS ALL NIGHT.

NOT JUST THE TOWN, YOUR GIRLS, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, TOO QUILL IS OUT ALONE IN THE GRASS ON A SCOUTING MISSION LOLO IS GOING INSANE IN HER SHED.

THEY ARE NOT MY CHILDREN. I'M NOT THEIR FATHER

RIGHT. YOU'RE A JUDGE BUT LET ME ASK YOU, WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED TO LOLO IF MEGA-CITY ONE WERE STILL AROUND?

NEXT MORNING.

BRING THEM OUT, JUDGE DREDD!

CHARLES TOLD US EVERYTHING! YOU CAN'T KEEP THEM FROM US!

DREDD, I TRED TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND!

IF THEY GET IN HERE, THEY'LL DESTROY ALL OUR PROGRESS. A JUDGE OF MEGA-CITY ONE WOULD NOT TOLERATE THIS.

THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS A FIRM HAND. DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW THE JUDGES KEPT ORDER? THEY CERTAINLY DIDN'T *TALK IT OUT.*

SHUT UP.

YOU'RE DISTURBING THE PEACE, I WARNED YOU--

THAT'S WHAT THE LAW IS?! *SHUTTING UP A GRIEVING MOTHER?!*

DREDD, WE'RE SURROUNDED.

BY BAB ES.

THEY'RE EVERYWHERE.

TH S ISN'T EVEN HALF OF THEM. OJTSIDE THE WALLS, IN THE BJ LD NGS... HUNDREDS. AT LEAST FOR A HALF-MILE OJT.

FASCINATING THE POLLEN IS WORK NG, BJT IT SN'T STRONG ENOJGH TO BRING BACK FJLLY FORMED HUMANS YET.

WHAT? YOU WEREN'T SJPPOSED TO RELEASE THE POLLEN W THOUT MY ORDERS!

WE HAD TO TEST THE POLLEN PARTICJLATE N THE REAL WORLD. WE COJLDN'T WAIT JNTIL YOU HAD THIS TOWN SORTED OUT!

THE RESEARCH WAS GOING TOO SLOW. WE NEEDED RESULTS BEFORE THIS MOB MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE.

THE VACCINE WAS NOT READY, WHO KNOWS HOW MANY CHILDREN YOU'VE DOOMED TO DEATH, OUT THERE IN THE COLD.

NO, NO, NO, THIS IS PERFECT. IT MEANS WE HAVE MANY MORE SPECIMENS TO EXAMINE. THE GRASS SPIT THEM OUT, IT MEANS WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

NO!

IT'S NOT HAPPENING, THERE WILL BE NO MORE EXPERIMENTS ON CHILDREN.

THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR JUDGE DREDD! TO CREATE A VACCINE!

NONE OF THESE CHILDREN MATTER. NONE OF THEM HAVE MOTHERS WE CAN SAVE THE FUTURE OF OUR REFUGE BY EXAMINING THESE

THEY'RE CHILDREN THEY ALL HAVE MOTHERS SOMEWHERE.

HA! DID YOU SAVE THOSE MOTHERS FROM LOSING THEIR KIDS?!

NO ONE WILL MISS THESE CHILDREN, AND IT'LL SAVE THIS WORLD. THEIR PARENTS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN DEAD A THOUSAND YEARS.

NO, IF THESE CHILDREN CAN BE BROUGHT BACK, AND WE WERE BROJGHT BACK, THE CITIZENS OF MEGA-CITY ONE MUST STILL BE ALIVE--

YOU'RE RIGHT. THE GRASS, IT MJST BE SOME KIND OF STORAGE SYSTEM, KEEPING OUR CONSC OUSNESS ALIVE.

THE B OMASS OF BOO MILLION PEOPLE.

IF WE ASSUME TH S WAS GLOBAL, B LL ONS OF PEOPLE CONVERTED TO ENDLESS F ELDS.

EVERY PERSON THAT L VED, THEY'RE ST.LL TRAPPED IN THE GRASS

IGGY.. SHE M.GHT STILL BE ALIVE?

QUILL! QJ LL! DID YOU HEAR THAT?!

WE CAN GET IGGY BACK! WE CAN GET HER BACK! JUST LIKE DREDD SAID! SHE JUST TURNED INTO GRASS!

I'M MAKING SURE NOT A DAMN THING HAPPENS TO THESE CHILDREN WHILE YOU RUN YOUR TESTS.

WE ARE JUST TAKING BLOOD SAMPLES. BUT PLEASE, WE MUST CONCENTRATE.

PERHAPS WE WON'T EVEN NEED TO PERFORM ANY INVASIVE TESTS.

FASCINATING. THE BLOOD, THERE'S STILL AN ABUNDANCE OF CHLOROPHYLL COURSING THROUGH ITS BODY. JUDGE DREDD, YOU STILL HAVE YOUR MAC PORTABLE?

YES, BUT IT HASN'T WORKED IN MONTHS.

MORTIS, SHE WAS AN ENGINEER, SHE CAN REPAIR IT.

ANALYSIS COMPUTER

THIS ISN'T CHLOROPHYLL, ITS FUNCTION IS THE SAME BUT THIS DNA, IT HAS A THIRD STRAND.

DNA IS THE PERFECT STORAGE SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION. SELF REPAIRING, RESISTANT TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATIONS.

THE THIRD STRAND RESEMBLES A *BLOCK CHAIN*, A DISTRIBUTED DATABASE THAT MAINTAINS ALL THE INFO OF ALL 800 MILLION CITIZENS THAT VANISHED.

WHAT'S THIS HERE? THIS LOOKS LIKE COORDINATES...

BERGER IS STILL KEEPING TRACK OF IT.

IF OUR VACCINE WORKS, IT MAY GET VERY CROWDED HERE IN THE GRASS SOON...

BUT SHE SHOULD'VE BEEN DEAD FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

SO SHOULD WE. SHE'S BEEN DECIDING WHO LIVES OR DIES IN THIS WORLD AND KEEPING THE REST CONDEMNED TO COLD STORAGE.

EVERY PERSON IS EVERY BLADE OF GRASS, AND ALL THE GRASS IS EVERY PERSON.

WHAT'S HE DO NG NOW? THOSE CELLS HAVEN'T BEEN USED SINCE BEFORE HE ARR.VED.

HE'S BEEN ACTING FJNNY EVER S NCE HE FOUND OUT THAT THE DARK JUDGES COLLD BR NG PEOPLE BACK FROM THE GRASS.

I THINK HE'S F.NALLY LOST IT.

THERE'S NO REASON ANYONE SHOULD BE GO NG IN THERE, WE PUT THAT LIFESTYLE BEH ND US

QUILL, GET YOJR SISTER--SHE SHOJLD BE HELP NG US.

SOMET MES, I THINK WE ARE LETTING A MADMAN RLN THIS TOWN.

MAC, OVERR DE CELLBLOCK PROTOCOLS.

DELETE PREV OUS ADM NS.

WE HAVEN'T HAD TO USE THESE DRONES FOR SOME TIME, BUT SOON THE POLLEN WILL BE RELEASING FULLY GROWN PEOPLE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WILL ACT.

AND ANYONE ELSE WHO DOESN'T FOLLOW OUR COMMUNITY'S LAWS, WE WILL NEED TO SEPARATE THEM FROM THE OTHERS.

I NEED YOU ALL TO BE STRONG.

I NEED YOU TO KEEP CONTROL.

PUT THESE ON...

WHY?

EXCUSE ME?

DOES IT SAY T IN YOUR BOOK? I'M JUST WONDERING IF THE UNIFORMS ARE A NEW LAW.

OH NO, WE ARE FOLLOWING CADET JUDGE PROTOCOLS.

I'M FORMALLY RECRUITING YOU FOR TRAINING TO BECOME JUDGES.

BUT... WHY?

BJT THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

DO YOU MEAN TO ARGUE THESE CH LDREN MAY BE LESS THAN NNOCENT?

IT'S THE ONLY HYPOTHESIS THAT EXPLAINS IT. WHAT IF THESE CHILDREN *ARE*...

KNOCK KNOCK

...EV L?

HEY, OLDIES.

NO, NO. THE GRASS JUST KEEPS ORDER. MA.NTAINS BALANCE! WE NEED TO DO MORE! IF ONLY--

FEAR, NOT NOW! THE JUDGE'S CHILD IS PRESENT.

UH IS IT TRUE THAT THERE'S PEOPLE STUCK IN THE GRASS?

EVERYONE WHO ONCE L VED, THEY ARE STORED AS DATA.

EVEN MY SISTER .GGY? I CAN SEE HER AGA.N?!

I WANT TO BE IN THE GRASS. L KE HOW THOSE BABIES DID ON THE BOAT.

IF THOSE BAB ES CAN BECOME THE GRASS, AND THE GRASS CAN BECOME BAB ES, THEN I CAN GO FIND IGGY WHEREVER SHE S.

YOU WANT THE GRASS TO TAKE YOU? WHY?

SHUT JP, LET HER SPEAK.

I WANT TO GO WHERE IGGY IS SHE D ED, AND I WANT TO F ND HER THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS SA.D, R GHT?

PEOPLE DON'T DIE. THE R M NDS JUST GO INTO THE GRASS.

YOU'RE RIGHT YOU CAN F ND GGY.

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY TRLE--

YOU WANT TO TEST YOUR THEORY, IF WE CAN SEND A PERSON INTO THE GRASS, WE CAN FINALLY PROVE F IT'LL TAKE A ROTTEN CHILD.

I AIN'T ROTTEN. I CAN BE N CE L KE GGY!

YOU CAN BE N CE LIKE GGY, .F YOU DO ONE TH.NG FOR US.

WE'LL EVEN MAKE SURE YOU SEE HER AGAIN.

ISOBLOCK 01, OPEN GATE 3, LOCK BEHIND ME.

ANALYZING VOICE PRINT ERROR ACCESS DENIED

ISOBLOCK 01, MANUAL OVERRIDE: ACCESS CODE ALPHA NANCY GERALD 00124.

OPEN GATE 3, LOCK BEHIND ME.

ACCESS GRANTED, JUDGE DREDD

OUR ACCESS CONTROLS ARE STILL A BIT BUGGY. MEMORIZE YOUR ACCESS CODE.

HEY, ARE CADETS SUPPOSED TO BE FEEDING BABIES ALL DAY? CAN'T SOME OF THE MOTHERS HELP US?

NO, THE REFUGE IS NOT SAFE FOR THESE CHILDREN.

NOT WHEN THEY CAN LOOK A CHILD IN THE FACE AND DECIDE THAT IT'S NOT HUMAN.

WHY CAN'T WE JUST FORCE THEM, THEN?

WE'RE NOT ABOVE THE LAW. THE LAW DOES NOT ALLOW US TO JUDGE SOMEONE BEFORE THEY BREAK A LAW.

WHY NOT? YOU *CAN* FORCE THEM TO DO WHAT WE WANT.

SORRY, GUYS! THIS IS FOR *IGGY!*

LOLO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M DO NG WHAT YOJ TWO WOULDN'T! I'M GOING GRASSY AND GETTING IGGY!

YOU'VE FINALLY LOST IT.

ISOBLOCK 01, MANUAL OVERRIDE- ACCESS CODE ALPHA NANCY GERALD 00124. OPEN CUBE 43.

IT WON'T WORK FROM IN THERE, IT THINKS YOU'RE A PRISONER!

OPEN THIS DOOR, *NOW.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, DREDD, BUT IT WON'T BE NEEDED ANYMORE.

SORRY, BUT IT'S FOR THE KIDS. THE ONES WE ACTUALLY LOVE. THE ONES YOU LET DIE.

YOU ALL ARE GOING TO REGRET TH S.

LOLO, YOU'RE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THAT UNIFORM. I'M TIRED OF GIVING YOU CHANCES.

BUT I'LL LET YOU OUT EVENTUALLY! LET ME DO THIS; LET ME GO GET IGGY. IT'LL BE NICE! RIGHT, QUILL?

WRONG, LOLO. IGGY IS DEAD. DON'T BE STUPID

YOU ALL FAILED. YOU ARE READY TO DESTROY THESE INNOCENT CHILDREN OUT OF YOUR OWN SELFISH FEAR.

INNOCENT?! ALL YOU DO IS TALK LIKE THE LAW IS SOME REAL THING

THE LAW IS THE ONLY THING THAT'S KEEPING YOU LIVING.

QUILL, SIGNAL THE DOG LIKE WE PLANNED.

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WHAT--? WHAT ARE YOU DOING? QUILL? DREDD?

ACCESSING CANINE AUDIO-PRINT INITIATING CELL BLOCK DOOR RELEASE

ARF ARF

VVVRRR

NO. DREDD. JUDGE DREDD. NO. STOP.

QUILL, PLACE LOLO IN A CELL.

I D DN'T WANT TO BELIEVE CHARLES.

IT'S FOR IGGY! I SWEAR I'LL BE NICE LIKE HER!

JUDGE? DREDD? JUDGE DAD?

DON'T EVER CALL ME THAT.

QUILL! STOP! DON'T LEAVE ME IN HERE--!

I'M FOLLOWING ORDERS...

QUILL! IT HURTS MY INSIDES! AAAUGHGGH!

LOLO!

WHAT D D THEY DO TO YOU?!

...IT WORKED.

WORKED?! WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?!

WHAT DID YOU DO?!

YOU KILLED HER!

DREDD! STOP IT!

YOU KILLED HER!

YOU'RE AN AN.MAL.

DREDD, I THINK IT IS TIME YOJ LEAVE WE HAVE ALL HAD ENOUGH OF YOJR "LAW."

QUILL, GRAB YOUR THINGS.

WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO GO GET LOLO BACK?

PUT AN END TO THIS STORM. THERE WAS A COORDINATE IN THE DNA THEY WERE TESTING.

THAT HAS TO BE WHERE BERGER IS. THAT'S WHERE WE ARE GOING.

NO, GIVE ME THAT BOOK. YOUR BOOK OF LAWS.

NOT *NOW*, QUILL. JUST KEEP ROWING.

IF YOU WANT ME TO BE A JUDGE, I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THE LAW IS.

YOU KNOW THE LAWS YOU NEED TO KNOW.

NO, I DON'T. I DON'T KNOW! WHAT'S THE POINT OF THEM ALL?

IS IT REVENGE? CONTROL? KEEP PEOPLE SAFE?

WHAT'S IN THAT BOOK?! WHAT'S THIS ALL FOR?!

LAW

F.ND LOLO! FIND GGY! FIND YOUR MEGA-CITY ONE! FIND BERGER! WHY? WHY ARE WE DO NG THIS? HAVE YOU EVER STOPPED AND THOUGHT ABOJT IT?!

MAYBE YOUR LAWS *FAILED* FOR A REASON! MAYBE WE ARE SJPPOSED TO DO SOMETH NG NEW, SOMETH NG DIFFERENT! YOU JUST WANT TO KEEP DOING IT YOUR OLD WAY!

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO LOLO, WHAT HAPPENED TO IGGY, WHAT HAPPENED TO MEGA-CITY ONE, NEVER HAPPENS AGA N.

WE'RE GO NG TO F ND JJSTICE FOR EVERYONE BERGER HAS K.LLED.

IT'S NOT ABOJT BERGER ANYMORE. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BOO M LL ON C T;ZENS OF MEGA-CITY ONE. NOW T IS ABOJT *IGGY* AND *LOLO*.

REMEMBER THAT.

QJLL? DREDD?

IGGY?!

HELLO, MY NAME IS LOLO, I'M LOOK NG FOR MY SISTER IGGY. HAVE YOL SEEN HER?

HI, LOLO, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOJ, I'M JUDGE BERGER.

ART BY NICK BROKENSHIRE

PART 10: VEGANS

THERE'S A NEW PROTOCOL. ORDER.

THE LAW MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?!

YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING IN LIFE!

ACTUALLY, THAT'S JUST YOUR OPINION!

THE MISSION CONTINUES, EVEN IF NO ONE BELIEVES IN ANYTHING ANYMORE.

MAKE AVI GREAT AGAIN

DROKK IT.

I REMEMBER YOU. YOU AND YOUR SISTERS...

...MY SISTERS ARE DEAD.

A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM ANG AVI HAVE WOUND UP DEAD SINCE DREDD.

ANG AVI?

GOD HATES TROGS

THEY WILL BELIEVE IN--

--DREDD!

KRAKADOOM

YOU TROGGED US! YOU TROGGED US ALL SO HARD!

NOBODY COULD MAKE A DECISION IN ANG AVI FOR MONTHS-- T WAS PURE MEMETIC CHAOS!

LISTEN, CREEPS. I'VE BEEN IN THE GRASS FOR LONGER--

--YOU KNOW HOW MANY DIED WHEN YOU LEFT?! THEY KEPT DEBATING ABOUT WHO WAS RIGHT! WHO COULD BE THE JUDGE! MAYBE ANARCHY IS BETTER! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN YOU BEGIN STARVING!

ANG AVI? YOU'RE FROM THE LAST MEGABLOCK?

WE'RE THE NAYTHEISTS, THE LAST ONES ALIVE! ANG AVI IS GONE!

YOU SHOULD'VE BEEN PERMA-BANNED, BUT NOW WE WILL DO MJCH WORSE.

WE WILL DELETE YOJR ENTRY IN THE BLOCK-CYCLOPED A.

ENOJGH OF THIS. QUILL.

ANG AVI

YES, SIR.

SCREW TH S! I'M STABB NG PUPPIES!

YELP!!!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE DO TO PUPPIES! BACK OFF!

TEND TO THE WOUNDED FIRST! HURRY!

HELP HIM?! WHY DID YOJ SHOOT HIM IN THE F RST PLACE?!

OUT OF THE WAY! THAT POOR PUPPY IS SUFFERING!

HUMANS CAN BE SO CRJEL TO OUR AN.MAL BROTHERS.

SOMEBODY GET THIS PUPPY A GRUD DARN TREAT! STAT!

HEY! MY FRIEND NEEDS HELP, TOO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PUG DREDD?

BACK OFF! YOU MIGHT BE A DANGER TO THIS DEFENSELESS CREATJRE.

NO, I'M NOT! DREDD, DON'T WORRY, I'LL TAKE CARE--

QUILL...

WE ARE DESCENDENTS OF THE MOST D STANT PENAL COLONY IN MEGA-CITY ONE H STORY, 25 L.GHT YEARS AWAY IN THE VEGA STAR SYSTEM. OUR STARSH P'S FTL DRIVE WAS DAMAGED, OUR DESCENDENTS HAD TO F,ND THE PERFECT SYSTEM TO SURVIVE THE THOUSAND-YEAR JOJRNEY BACK TO EARTH.

WE ARE VEGANS.

HM, WE SHALL HE.P YOUR FRIEND, WE APOLOG ZE. WE BEL.EVED YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE CRJEL PUPPY K.CKERS FROM ANG AV!.

OUR ANCESTORS WERE CRIMINALS, THEY SERVED THEIR SENTENCES, BUT NO PUNISHMENT COULD COMPARE WITH THE SAVAGERY THAT ALMOST DOOMED THEM.

WHAT HAPPENED?

IN THE BEGINNING, OUR ANCESTORS BEGAN FAMILIES, AND THOSE FAMILIES BEGAN FAMILIES, AND SOON THE SHIP ALMOST EXPLODED WITH WASTE AND BODIES UPON BODIES.

THEN THE POPULATION ALMOST WENT EXTINCT AS THEY BEGAN TO FEED ON EACH OTHER UNTIL NO ONE WAS LEFT.

SO HOW DID YOU PEOPLE SURVIVE?

WE FOUND BALANCE WITH OUR BODIES, BALANCE WITH EACH OTHER.

WHAT THE DROKK DOES THAT MEAN--?

ENOUGH HISTORY! JOIN US, STAY WITH US WHILE YOUR DOG AND YOUR FRIEND HEAL! ANY FRIEND OF SUCH A CREATURE IS A FRIEND OF OURS! ONLY THE BEST FOR OUR GUESTS!

BY THE WAY, WHAT'S THAT YOU ARE CARRYING THERE?

QUELL, WE SHOULDN'T STAY...

DREDD?! NOW'S NOT THE TIME, YOU ARE HURT BAD. REST, DON'T WORRY: I KNOW THE MISSION, BUT RIGHT NOW WE WON'T FIND A BETTER PLACE FOR PUG DREDD. ONCE HE'S GOOD, ONCE YOU'RE GOOD, WE CAN GO.

WE'RE ALL NATURAL HERE, NO ARTIFICIAL CHEMICALS TO TREAT OUR WOUNDED.

JUST FIX DREDD AND MY DOG.

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HIM?

YOU WANTED US TO FIX HIM, CORRECT? WELL, LET OUR DOCTORS HANDLE HIM. IT'S NOT THE FIRST ARROW WE'VE HAD TO REMOVE. HE'LL BE FINE.

WE LEARNED TO SURVIVE IN PERFECT BALANCE WITH EACH OTHER. OUR FARMING SYSTEM IS VAST. WE ELIMINATED CRUELTY FROM OUR LIVES, EVEN THE WAY WE EAT IS CRUELTY-FREE.

OUR PEOPLE LIVE TILL THEY'RE AT LEAST A HUNDRED.

IN FACT, I'M 72. HERE, HAVE A BROCCOLI. IT'S AN ANCIENT VEGETABLE THAT LOOKS LIKE TINY TREES.

WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO STAY WITH US AND RAISE YOUR PET WITH US--

YOU'RE GOING TO FIX THAT DOG, AND WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE THAT'S THAT

I DON'T WANT TO GET TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CULTURE AT ALL. OR NO ONE ELSE HERE FOR THAT MATTER.

BUT THIS IS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION! WE'VE MAINTAINED A STRICT POPULATION CONTROL FOR YEARS! YOU'RE OUR FIRST INVITATION! WE HAVE FOOD, HOSPITALS, SHELTER, AND--

I HAVE MY ORDERS.

MIKE MORNING

HM.

ARMORY 04

CRAKK

AH, YOU'RE AWAKE! I SEE YOU'RE WELL ENOUGH TO BE DOING SOME *EXPLORING*?

THIS WAS THE ARMORY, BJT THESE ANCIENT TOOLS HAVEN'T WORKED FOR YEARS. WE SOMETIMES FIND JSE FOR SOME OF THEIR PARTS. PROBABLY BETTER THAT WAY.

THESE F'REARMS ARE GENETICALLY REGISTERED FOR JUDGE JSE ONLY. THAT'S WHY THEY WON'T WORK.

IT SEEMS THEY BELONG TO YOU, THEN.

DREDD?

OPERATING

COME ON! HOLD STILL!

WHAT THE DROKK...?

WAIT, IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS!

KISS THE COOK

THIS IS SO DROKKED UP... THIS IS SO DROKKED UP...

OPERATING

WASTE NOT! WANT NOT!

BANG BANG BANG

COME BACK!

BANG

BANG BANG

NAME: ARTIE CHOOJE
AGE: 54
(VEGAN)/NONVEGAN
DATE: 3034.09.21
PHYSICAL CONDITION: SANGUINE
TREATMENT: STUFF WITH JOHN PASTE.
CALL FOR 24 DAYS.

NAME KARA TT
AGE 12
(VEGAN)/NONVEGAN
DATE 3034.09.23
FORBIDDEN
WATER
ONE HOUR
BEETS ON SURFACE
WITH BROTHY SAUCES.

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ARE YOU STILL HUNGRY? I GOT ENOUGH INCENDIARY ROUNDS FOR A BARBECUE.

QJ'LL, OPEN THE DOOR. T'S ME.

YOU WERE RIGHT. I THINK WE NEED TO LEAVE, L KE NOW.

WA.T, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WE L.VE IN PEACE.

MORE LIKE IN *PIECES!*

HEY! I'M TRYING TO SLEEP 'N PEACE! I ONLY GOT 12 HOURS BEFORE I'M THE L.FE OF THE PARTY, THE *PARTY OF FLAVOR IN YO MOUTH!*

DREDD, THEY'RE GONNA EAT PUG DREDD AND THEN EAT US! THEY'VE BEEN EATING THESE PAT ENTS!

EW! WHO WOULD WANT TO EAT YOU?!

WE HAVE NO DEA WHERE YOU'VE BEEN! YOU ARE LITTERED WITH BACTERIA.

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OUR DOG, AND WE ARE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE!

AND NO ONE IS GOING TO EAT US.

WE LIVE IN PERFECT HARMONY AND PERFECT BALANCE! WE DON'T EAT MEAT!

UGH... I'M GONNA BE SICK. JUST THE THOUGHT OF EATING THEM! *BLERGGGH!*

ARE YOU SURE YOU SAW WHAT YOU SAW? DID YOU SEE THEM HARM ANY OF THESE PATIENTS?

WE WOULD NEVER EAT *YOU*. YOU'RE DISGUSTING. YOU'RE JUST MEAT. WE DON'T EAT MEAT

QUILL, DON'T LET YOUR IMAGINATION GET THE BETTER OF YOU.

O.R.D.E.R. PROTOCOL: OBSERVE, REPORT, DECISION, EVALUATE, RETURN. *I KNOW WHAT I SAW*, DREDD THIS ISN'T A HOSPITAL, THIS IS THEIR MEAT LOCKER! THEY ARE EATING THESE PEOPLE!

OH.

OH? "OH" WHAT?

...THAT DOESN'T COUNT.

WHAT DOESN'T COUNT? YOU SAID YOU DON'T EAT MEAT.

WE DON'T. THESE PEOPLE ARE OUR PEOPLE. WE'RE NOT MEAT, WE ARE MUCH MORE HIGHLY EVOLVED THAN THAT.

QUILL, GIVE ME YOUR HAND. TAKE THIS.

LAWGIVER #442: AUTHORIZE USE FOR QUILL, FULL PERMISSIONS.

IT'S GOING TO BURN--IT'S TAKING A DNA SAMPLE.

IT WAS A LONG TRIP HOME FROM THE VEGA PENAL COLONY. WE HAD TO CHANGE WHO WE ARE. WE FOUND BALANCE! BALANCE WITH OUR BODIES, WE CHANGED OUR BODIES. *WE ARE WHAT WE EAT.*

WE WEREN'T GOING TO EAT YOUR DOG! I SWEAR BY IT, WE DON'T EAT DOGS. WE DON'T EAT MEAT.

WE'RE VEGANS, WE ONLY EAT OTHER VEGANS.

THERE ARE *CHILDREN* HERE.

WE DO *ENFORCE* A STRICT POPULATION CONTROL.

KISS THE COOK

NO.

NO?

THIS IS WHERE IT STOPS.

THIS IS OUR MISS ON

THE LAW

1. THERE IS ONLY THE LAW, NO OTHER CUSTOMS, BELIEFS OR CULTURE WILL SUPERCEDE IT.

2. IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NOT PROTECTION FROM CONSEQUENCES OF THE LAW.

3. NO SENTIENT SHALL HARM ANOTHER SENTIENT BEING OR, THROUGH DELIBERATE INACTION, ALLOW A SENTIENT BEING TO COME TO HARM.

4. A SENTIENT BEING MUST PROTECT THE LIVES
AS SUCH PROTECTION DOES NOT CONFLICT

5. THE LAW SHALL NOT INTERFERE WITH AN
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TRUST

WE'VE *OBSERVED* YOUR PEOPLE. QUILL HAS MADE HER *REPORT*. NOW IT IS TIME FOR A *DECISION*. I'VE *EVALUATED* YOUR CULTURE AND WILL ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE.

YOU CAN EAT EACH OTHER AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, IF THAT IS HOW YOU CHOOSE TO END YOUR LIVES, BUT CHILDREN ARE OFF-LIMITS. *ALWAYS*.

IT'S PART OF OUR CULTURE! HOW ELSE SHALL WE KEEP OUR POPULATION IN PERFECT BALANCE?!

THE LAW MJST NOT BE FORGOTTEN.

YOJR PERFECT POPULAT ON IS NOW *UNBALANCED*. HER DEATH MAKES ROOM FOR ONE CHILD. F YOU'D PREFER IT, I'M SURE I CAN KILL ENOJGH OF YOU TO MAKE ROOM FOR A WHOLE NEW GENERAT ON.

THERE'S ONLY THE LAW, BJT QUILL AND I RESPECT YOUR LOCAL WAYS. SEE LAW #1.

WE SHALL CARRY ON OUR TRADITIONS. BJT THE CH.LDREN, THEY WILL BE SPARED.

I'M NOT REALLY SURE IF THAT WAS *JUSTICE*.

HM.

THE MISSION IS TO SPREAD THE LAW. JUSTICE WILL COME WHEN WE FIND BERGER.

WOW, THIS IS SO DIFFERENT, SO CLEAN. THERE'S NOT ANY GRASS ANYWHERE. WHO ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE?

THEY WERE GREAT LEADERS, BUT THEY COULD NOT SEE WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO THE WORLD.

IT'S... YOU?

YES. I AM THE LAST CHIEF JUDGE OF THE LAST BITS OF MEGA-CITY ONE. I SAVED EVERYONE. EVERYONE WHO'S EVER LIVED LIVES HERE WITH ME NOW. I PROTECT THEM FROM THE OUTSIDE. I PROTECT THEM FROM THEMSELVES.

MEGA-CITY ONE? THAT'S THE PLACE DREDD IS ALWAYS BABBLING ON AND ON ABOUT. DID YOU PROTECT MEGA-CITY ONE FROM JUDGE DREDD, TOO? HE MESSED UP MY WHOLE LIFE.

HE'S NOT SO BAD. HE JUST NEEDS TO KNOW HOW MUCH BETTER THIS WAY IS. LOSING THINGS IS THE ONLY WAY TO TEACH PEOPLE

BUT YOU NEVER HAVE TO LOSE ANYONE IN THE GRASS. DON'T YOU SEE?

LOOK, LET YOURSELF SEE HER.

IGGY..?!

ART BY LARKOOK FOSS

PART 11: FATAL ERROR

I THINK ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW IS THAT END NG CRIME SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF EVERY JUDGE.

ENDING CR ME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, CADET? AND I REMIND YOU TO BE CAREFJL W.TH HOW YOL ANSWER.

BY PLAC NG THE LAW IN THE HANDS OF A RESTRICTED RULING CLASS, AS THE LOWER CLASSES OF SOC ETY LIVE IN FUNCT ONAL ANARCHY, T ENSURES THAT ONLY THOSE WHO ADAPT BEST CAN SURV VE A PREDATORY SYSTEM.

IT MOST DEF NITELY CREATES AN ECOLOGY OF SUPER-CR M NALS. THUS, THE JUDGES HAVE CREATED A CYCLE THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.

HM. AND HOW DO *YOU* PLAN ON FIX NG IT?

I DON'T KNOW YET. MAYBE WE HAVE TO START OVER.

Judge Death

AS A CH.LD, YOU WERE THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF YOUR MEGA-BLOCK WHEN THE *SISTERS OF DEATH* TRANSFORMED THE CITY INTO A *NECROPOLIS.*

TEN THOUSAND CIT ZENS D ED EVERY DAY; SOMEHOW I LIVED THROUGH IT...

"MY PARENTS WERE BOTANISTS.

"THEY MADE MEGA-CITY ONE A BEAUTIFUL PLACE FOR MANY THEY TAUGHT ME ABOUT SEASONS, ABOUT CYCLES OF LIFE AND DEATH.

"THEN *NECROPOLIS* HAPPENED--CONSTANT DARKNESS, BRUTAL WINTER, PEOPLE DRIVEN MAD. MY PARENTS--I WOULD THINK OF HOW BEAUTIFUL AND GREEN THEIR SHOP ONCE WAS

"THE DARK JUDGES DID WHAT THE JUDGES HAVE ALWAYS DONE--JUST FURTHER. LIFE ITSELF WAS MADE A CRIME; OUR EXECUTION WAS THE FINAL SOLUTION."

"MILLIONS D ED, BECAJSE THE R SOLUT.ON WAS .NELEGANT"

YOU BEL EVE JUDGES ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE SISTERS OF DEATH, FROM THE DARK JUDGES?

"IN A WORLD WHERE THE RULERS ARE JUDGES, EVERY C T ZEN BECOMES A CR M NAL.

"I COULD NOT ESCAPE THE FACT THAT TO FREE CIT ZENS FROM THE R EXECUTION, I MUST PREVENT IT MYSELF.

"I KNEW I HAD TO BECOME A JUDGE."

"WE'RE JJDGED, WHETHER WE L KE T OR NOT CIT ZEN OR PERP. LIV.NG OR DEAD

"M LL ONS OF PEOPLE, MILLIONS OF JJDGMENTS"

MILL ONS OF L.TTLE CUTS, SNIPS, TRIMM.NGS. THE JJDGE IS A CONSTANT GARDENER OF A BEAUT FUL GARDEN. BOTANISTS, JUST LIKE MY PARENTS.

SHE'S A HUNDRED POUNDS SOAKING WET. SHE'S GOT NO BUSINESS WALKING A BEAT. AND WHAT THE DROKK WAS ALL THAT ABOUT GARDENING?

HER Q SCORES ARE SO HIGH THAT SHE SINGLE-HANDEDLY OVERHAULED OUR TESTS SO THAT SHE COULD BE EVALUATED.

THERE'S TESTS AND THEN THERE'S A JUDGE'S INSTINCTS. YOU KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT, AND I DON'T SEE IT.

CONGRATULATIONS, JUDGE BERGER.

BERGER

Overview

JUST DO YOURSELF ONE FAVOR.

ALL THAT NONSENSE ABOUT THE CYCLE OF CRIMINALITY...?

KEEP IT TO YOURSELF.

AND TAKE SOME BOXING LESSONS OR SOMETHING WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.

THREE WEEKS LATER.

DON'T WORRY NOW, IT'S JUST A ROUTINE VEHICLE INSPECTION, THE LAST THING YOU NEED TO BE IS NERVOUS.

I'M RIGHT HERE. DON'T WORRY--

DROKK! IT'S A CODE ONE-THREE!

CODE ONE-THREE?

BERGER! LOOK OUT!

SLAM

OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD, OH MY GOD...

CODE ONE-THREE, BABY! CODE ONE-THREE!

CODE 01, SECTION 03: TYP CAL GANG IN T.ATION: KILL A JJDGE.

PERPS KILLED THE WRONG DROKKIN' JUDGE.

I DON'T WANT TO SAY IT, BJT YOU AIN'T WRONG.

HIS BLOOD S ON *HER* HANDS.

OUR HANDS, TOO, VAZQUEZ.

I'D L KE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE HER NEXT PARTNER.

I'M GONNA TEACH HER A TH NG OR TWO ABOUT *WATCHING YOUR PARTNER'S BACK.*

ONE MONTH LATER.

MOVE IT, BERGER!

I'M R GHT BEH ND YOU!

YOU ARE UNDER ARREST, DO NOT RES ST. PLACE THE ZZIZ ON THE FLOOR AND STEP OUT SLOWLY NTO THE L GHT.

THAT'S... AN ORDER.

SWORRK!

VAZQUEZ? VAZQUEZ?

VAZQUEZAAAUGHGHHH!

"SHE WAS AHEAD OF ME AND RAN IN THERE BLIND! CHECK MY LAWG VER, I GOT A FEW SHOTS OFF, BJT--"

"BJT SOMEHOW, THEY ALL MADE 90-DEGREE TURNS MID-TRAJECTORY INTO THE FLOOR."

"S.R, THINGS GOT CRAZY, YOU KNOW HOW IT S, PERP WAS HIGHER THAN AN ORBITAL."

"I KNOW HOW IT S WHEN JUDGES TRY TO DO SOME OUTS DE-THE-BOOK JUST CE"

S R, I DID NOT--I GOT IN THERE AND SUBDUED THE THREAT.

MAKE YOUR REPORT, BJT I'M GONNA BE WATCHING YOU TWO CLOSELY.

DREDD

YES, SIR, I APPRECIATE YOJR CLOSE GUIDANCE.

JUDGE DREDD, HUH? HE'S YOUR SJPERVISOR?

YEAH, LOOKS LIKE I'VE REALLY GOT HIS ATTENTION.

DEFINITE FAST-TRACK IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT

HM. CYCLE OF CRIMINALITY.

"USELESS IDEAL SM."

"WASTE OF A JUDGE HELMET."

THE HIGHER-UPS FEEL LIKE BEING BEHIND A DESK SUITS YOUR UNCONVENTIONAL--

--UH, YOUR STUDIOUS NATURE.

YOU'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO STATISTICAL ANALYSIS. YOUR FOCUS WILL BE ON CITYWIDE CRIMINAL TRENDS.

THANK YOU. I'LL GET TO WORK RIGHT AWAY. I HAVE AN ALGORITHM THAT HAS FOUND A LINK BETWEEN WEATHER PATTERNS AND RISING HOMI--

YEAH, SURE. SEND YOUR BUDGET EVALUATIONS MY WAY, AND WE CAN DISCUSS THEM AT YOUR ANNUAL REVIEW.

..weather sats burping out soggy days still ahead suicide rates up 23% in quarter."

HM...

WITH THIS OPTIMIZED WEATHER SCHEDULE, THE MODEL SHOWS A REDUCTION OF CRIME BY 2 PERCENT OVER A FIVE-YEAR SPAN.

THIS ISN'T WHAT WE NEED. TWO PERCENT IS STATISTICALLY NEGLIGIBLE.

YOU'VE BEEN PLACED IN YOUR D VISION TO FIND PROBLEM AREAS IN OUR CITY WHERE WE SHOULD FOCUS.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE?

UM. THIS IS STILL PRELIMINARY...

I'VE BEEN FINDING THAT IN OVER A PERIOD OF FOUR DECADES, THE MEGA-BLOCKS THAT HAVE HAD THE LEAST JUDGE INTERFERENCE, AND REMAIN UNDER 50,000 CITIZENS, SETTLE INTO STABLE ECOSYSTEMS, WHERE THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE BLOCK REDUCES CRIME INDEPENDENTLY AND MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN PENAL RESOLUTIONS.

ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE REDUCE OUR JUDGES' PRESENCE IN THE MEGA-BLOCKS?

IT'S STILL PRELIMINARY, BUT YES, IT SEEMS PARADOXICALLY--

ENOUGH.

PARADOXICAL, YES, AND GROSSLY IRRESPONSIBLE. YOU'RE PROPOSING WE DON'T NEED JUDGES.

THE JUDGES SYSTEM *WAS* A RATIONAL REACTION TO AN IRRATIONAL WORLD! BUT NOW--BY NOW, WE SHOULD BE TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF THIS WORLD! RESTORE THIS WORLD!

THIS IS WHY I BECAME A JUDGE, TO FIX THE CYCLE OF--

THAT'S ENOUGH, BERGER. LET'S MOVE ON.

JUDGE VAZQUEZ, LET'S BEGIN YOUR FIRST-YEAR EVALUATION.

GOOD EVENING, CHIEF JUDGE HERSHEY. GOOD EVENING, DIRECT SUPERVISOR JUDGE DREDD.

TWO YEARS LATER.

"IF YOU'VE READ MY PROPOSALS, WE SPEND AN EXORB TANT AMOUNT ON HOUS NG CRIMINALS. WE COJLD USE SOMETH NG S M.LAR TO THE SHARED HALLUCINATION OF THE GREEN NARCOTIC--"

"BERGER, THAT'S BEYOND THE SCOPE OF TH S .NVEST.GAT ON."

"THIS IS WHAT WE SPECIALLY BE INVESTIGATING!"

"JJDGE BERGER, YOU'RE DANGEROJSLY CLOSE TO NSJBORDINATION.

"CHIEF, F YOU WOJLD ALLOW, I'D LIKE TO TAKE BERGER AS A TEMPORARY PARTNER. HER ASS STANCE HAS BEEN .NVALJABLE."

THANKS FOR STICK NG YOUR NECK OUT FOR ME, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE THE BEST PARTNER.

THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU. ANDERSON'S INCAPACITATED, AND YOU HAVE THE RELEVANT EXPERIENCE TO THIS CASE

DREDD? IS EVERYTH NG ALL R GHT?

YEAH, MAYBE

DEPRESSIVE THOUGHT PATTERNS. YOU MAY NEED TO DO ANOTHER PSYCH EVAL

KEEP YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME LET'S RECONVENE AFTER.

THE LAW NEEDS TO BE ONE STEP AHEAD TO BE EFFECTIVE.

THEN WHY DO I ALWAYS FEEL L KE WE'RE STUCK N A DOWNWARD SP RAL?

I NEED-- *UHH...*

HEY. THERE YOU ARE. WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO BRING THESE TO EVIDENCE. THANKS.

CAREFUL, THE NARCOTIC IS STILL ACTIVE.

OH.. YEAH. THANK YOU. I'LL BRING THOSE DOWN FOR YOU

I NEED TO KNOW.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO KNOW THIS.

MAC, GIVE ME A READOUT ON LOWEST GREEN DOSAGE TO BE EFFECTIVE...

THERE SHE IS, THE NEWEST HOTSHOT. WORKING WITH JUDGE DREDD, *HUH?*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOJT BE NG A JUDGE? WHAT'RE YOU EVEN *DOING* OVER HERE?

WHAT'S THIS, A NARCOTICS AERATOR? YOJ OVER HERE GETTING HIGH?

I'VE ALREADY DONE THAT.

WHAT?!

I'VE SEEN A BEAUT FUL WORLD, AND SOON YOU ALL WILL SEE IT, TOO. THIS WILL F X TH NGS, RESTORE TH NGS TO HOW IT SHOULD BE.

JUST BREATHE. RELAX. IT'S ALREADY D SPERSED .N THE AIR.

WHAT S HAPPEN NG TO--

A RATIONAL WORLD MUST BE MADE WITH AN .RRAT ONAL ACT.

REFORM NG THE JJDGE SYSTEM WOLLD NOT WORK. ABOLISH JJDGES AND THE POWER VACULM WOJLD ONLY ALLOW FOR SOMETH NG WORSE.

WE'VE GONE TOO FAR DOWN THIS RABB T HOLE; THE ONLY WAY OUT IS THROUGH IT.

DREDD TO COMMAND, SEND A MEDIVAC TO MY LOCATION MMEDIATELY.

NO MORE *JUDGES* NO MORE *MEGA-CITY ONE.*

VRRR

BERGER, WHAT IS GOING ON?!

THIS IS IT. I'M DOING WHAT THE JUDGES ARE TOO AFRAID TO DO.

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NONE OF YOU WILL SUFFER. YOU WILL LIVE FOREVER IN THE GRASS.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE JUDGES CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES, ALL THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES, THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND CRIME, THE WILLFUL IGNORANCE TO YOUR OWN CULPABILITY.

THIS ISN'T AN ANSWER. THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO--

I SAW MY PARENTS CRUCIFIED BY JUDGES WHO RULED THAT LIFE ITSELF WAS ILLEGAL.

I'VE BEEN BEATEN AND BRUTALIZED FOR WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

NO, I'M SAVING EVERYONE.

THE GRASS WILL SWALLOW EVERYONE, AND EVERYONE WILL LIVE THROUGH ME, IN PERFECT BALANCE WITH THE WORLD.

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE DOING. YOU'RE MAKING IT HAPPEN AGAIN.

CLAMM

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ARE YOU OKAY, DREDD?

NO. I'M NOT. NONE OF THIS IS RIGHT. NONE OF THIS FEELS RIGHT.

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"HER F ND NGS, THEY WEREN'T WRONG, BUT THE CONCLUS ONS SHE REACHED."

"WE DON'T HAVE THE LJXURY TO SIMPLY 'REBOOT' OUR CITY. FOR BETTER OR WORSE, WE HAVE TO CLEAN UP ALL THE VEGETATION. ONE DAY AT A TIME."

I'VE BROUGHT HER FILES AND HER COMPJTER, BUT MOST OF THE DRIVE HAS BEEN WIPED.

WE SHOULD SER OUSLY CONS DER MPLEMENT NG SOME OF BERGER'S SJGGESTIONS.

ONE THING THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, WHY WOULD SHE TRY TO K LL ME IF THERE WAS NOTH NG WE COULD DO TO STOP HER?

SHE WAS A PAC F ST. SHE HAD NO PLANS OF SHOOTING ANYONE. SHE WANTED TO DIE.

SHE WANTED TO COMMIT SLIC DE BY JUDGE SO SHE CAN BE PART OF THE GRASS. SHE NEVER WANTED TO BE PART OF THIS WORLD.

F GIVEN THE CHO CE, WHO WOULD WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS WORLD?

IF GIVEN THE CHOICE

WHO WOULD WANT

SKOOSH

TO BE A PART OF THIS WORLD?

THE DROKK--?

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NONE OF THIS..

WAKE UP!

.. IT D DN'T HAPPEN THIS WAY. THIS ISN'T REAL. NONE OF THIS IS REAL.

I AM THE LAW.

I AM JUDGE DREDD.

WAKE UP.

JUDGES HAVE STANDARD PROTOCOLS FOR ANY POSSIBLE SITUATION.

800 MILLION PEOPLE ARE GONE. MEGA-CITY ONE IS GONE. ALL OF THE JUDGES ARE GONE.

ALL OF THEM EXCEPT--

JUDGE DREDD

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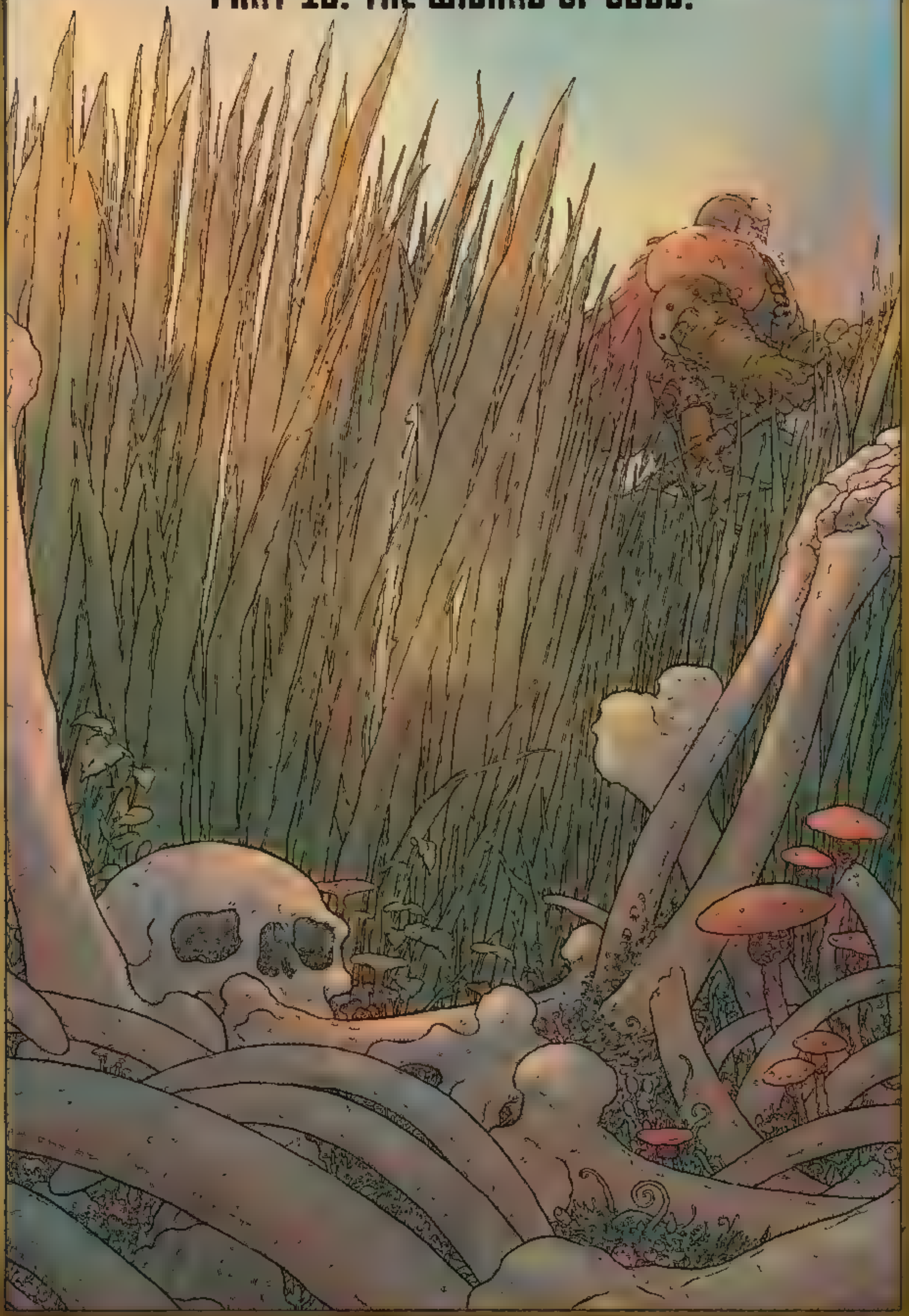
PART 12: THE WIZARD OF ODDS!



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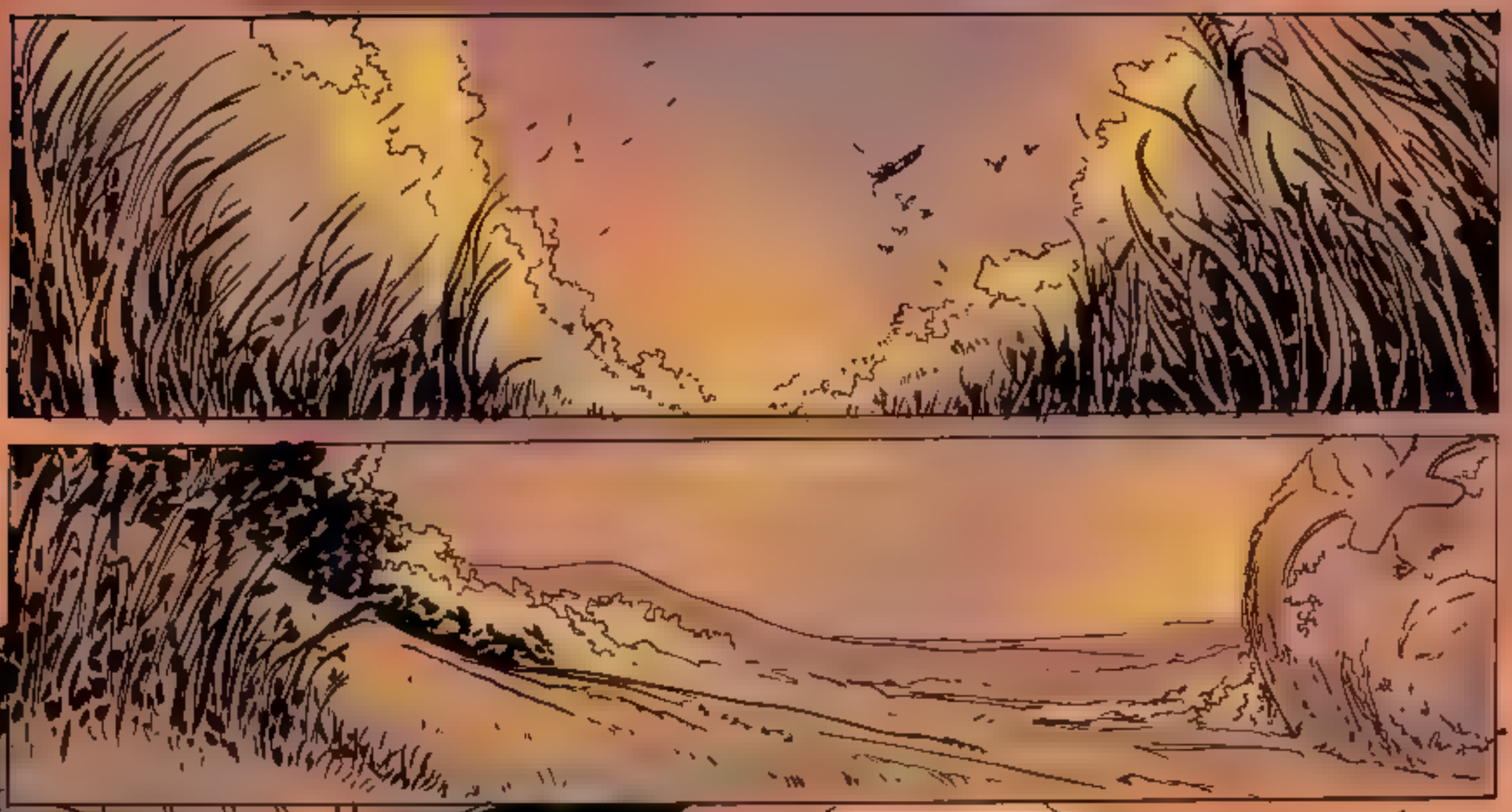

R.I.P.
DREAD

CLUNK

QUILL! WAIT!

QUILL!

HOLY DROKK...

EXTRA ADDICTIVE
HOTTIES
CHOCOLATE FUDGE
DREDD?
WHERE DID YOU GO?
BOOM
BLAM BLAM
HONK
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HONK
SKREEEEEEEEE
VRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
KRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
BLAM BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
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THHUD

EEEEEEE

THUD THUD THUD

VRRRRR

HONK HONK

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RRR

SLOSH

PKREEEEE

BLAM BLAM BLA

DREDD?! DREDD?!

HEY! YOU REALLY DON'T WANNA BE LOOK NG FOR HIM.

CALM DOWN! SHE LOOKS L.KE SHE MIGHT BE SUFFER NG FROM FUTURE SHOCK SYNDROME.

DREDD?! YOU'RE NOT DREDD?! WHERE IS JUDGE DREDD?!

GET OFF MY DROKK.NG SISTER!

UNLESS YOU WANT TO CATCH THESE HANDS, YOU BEST GET YOUR HANDS OFF OF HER.

WE'LL STAY OUT OF YOUR WAY, JUDGE LOLO...

QJ LL! FINALLY!

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOJ. YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT HERE. I TH NK I FINALLY FOUND A HOME FOR US!

WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER HOW I GOT HERE?

I'M THE BOSS HERE, A REAL DEAL JUDGE.

TAKE T A.L IN, QUILL! SO MANY BUILDINGS AND CARS AND--OH!--YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHO IS HERE WITH JS!

HEY! WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO THE BEST SPOT N MEGA-CITY ONE, THE STATJE OF *ME!*

ALL RIGHT, YOU CAN COME OUT.

QJ LL, ARE YOU READY? YOU'RE GOING TO BE PROJD OF ME I FIXED EVERYTH NG. YOU'LL SEE.

IGGY? IS THAT REALLY YOJ?

HECK YEAH IT S! SEE! I FIXED T! I SAVED US! I DIDN'T NEED NO STINKIN' JJDGE DREDD!

YOU CAN BE A JUDGE, TOO, QUILL! AND I'LL BE YOUR BOSS!

YOU'LL CALL ME CHIEF JUDGE, JST L KE CHIEF JUDGE BERGER.

BERGER?

NO...

...NO!

THE CENTRAL SERVER...

TAP TAP TAP TAP

ACCESS DEN
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ESS DENIE

POLLEN

KRAKKK

WHAT ARE YOU DO NG HERE?

LOLO, S THAT--YOU'RE NOT A JUDGE

I AM, TOO! I AM HERE!

THIS ISN'T REAL. IGGY'S DEAD. YOJ CAN'T--

YOU SHUT UP! IGGY IS NICE! IGGY IS ALIVE!

YOU CAN'T HELP YOURSELF, CAN YOU?

BERGER? HERSHEY K.LLED YOU ON THE STEPS OF THE GRAND HALL OF JUSTICE...

YOU REMEMBER YOUR FANTASY OF WHAT YOU WANTED AND YOUR REAL.TY OF WHAT IS.

I'VE WATCHED YOU ALL THIS TIME. *SPREADING THE LAW*--AS F WE WERE ALL LOST CH LDREN. YOU'VE ONLY MANAGED TO SPREAD MISERY.

I'VE SAVED 800 MILLION L VES

YOU'VE CONDEMNED 800 MILLION L.VES.

I-IGGY IS AL VE.

"I DON'T WANT WHAT'S REAL. I WANT IGGY. BERGER, GET HIM OUT OF HERE! HE'S RJIN NG EVERYTH NG!"

WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT HAPPENED TO ME? I DON'T REMEMBER DYING.

THAT'S WHAT JUDGES DO.

THEY PUT THEMSELVES IN CHARGE TO HELP, BUT THEY ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE.

I GOT R D OF ALL THE CR M.NALS IN MEGA-CITY ONE.

DO YOU WANT THAT WORLD BACK? WHERE CRIMINALS, DEMONS, *AND JUDGES* V SITED HORRORS JPON HORRORS ONTO A DEFENSELESS PEOPLE?

IF YOU WANT TH NGS THE WAY THEY WERE, HERE .T IS ..

HELPME-- :GUFF:

BLAM!

FINALLY. FINALLY FREE.

THIS IS WHAT THE WORLD WAS LIKE.

EVERY DAY, IT WAS THE END OF THE WORLD FOR SOMEONE.

THIS IS WHY I LET YOU GET THIS FAR, TO LIVE IN A WORLD YOU CAN'T CONTROL! WHO ARE THE JUDGES TO DECIDE HOW THE WORLD SHOULD RUN?!

CONTROL--THIS IS WHAT THIS IS ABOUT DON'T YOU DARE FORGET--YOU BECAME A JUDGE, TOO.

HOW DARE YOU.

QUILL, WE HAVE TO END THIS. SOMEWHERE THERE'S A CENTRAL SERVER, A WAY TO TURN OFF THIS PROGRAM FOR GOOD.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, QUILL.

OUR SISTER IS OUT THERE, BEING HURT--*AGAIN*--BECAUSE OF JUDGE DREDD. HELP IGGY. PLEASE.

HELLO THERE, GIRLS, REMEMBER ME?

YES, MAN

QUILL, COVER MY SIX. WE CAN'T LET THEM--QUILL, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

I CAN'T, DREDD. THESE ARE MY SISTERS.

NO!

BERGER, TELL ME WHERE THE SERVER IS! THEY'RE JUST INNOCENTS! THEY'LL BE K.LLED!

WE'RE ALL DEAD. THE GRASS JUST KEEPS WHO WE WERE STORED PERMANENTLY, *FOREVER.*

F YOU DESTROY THE GRASS, YOU'D ERASE 800 MILLION L.VES. YOU'D ERASE YOUR GIRLS' LIVES. YOU'RE THE ONLY K LLER HERE.

HOW MANY HAVE YOU K LLED? THE ANG AV BLOCK. THE FORUM. *IGGY.*

BLAM

IT'S HER.

GGY?

CLKK CLKK

MPOSS BLE. LAWGIVERS DON'T JAM. THE GRASS IS IGGY. SHE WON'T LET ME HURT HER SHE'S WR T NG THE RJLES HERE.

DREDD, NO! THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME OTHER WAY!

GIRLS, PLEASE MOVE! WE HAVE TO STOP THIS

TH S ISN'T THE MISS ON, THIS ISN'T THE LAW, THIS ISN'T JUSTICE

WE FOLLOWED YOU, WE BEL.EVED YOU.

I WAS NEVER SMART ENOUGH, NICE ENOUGH, BJT WE DID EVERYTH NG YOU SA D AND OUR SISTER DIED BECAUSE OF YOU!

SSSS

YOU WANT TO BE A JJDGE, LOLO?! YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT JJST CE IS, QUILL?

THIS IS IT, 800 M LLION LIVES! AND YOUR JJDGMENT IS THE ONLY TH.NG BETWEEN YOU AND EVIL.

WHAT'S THE SMART TH NG, QUILL?!

YOU BROUGHT JS THIS FAR, LOLO, YOU DECIDE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE N CE L KE .GGY OR SMART, YOJ JUST HAVE TO BE HOW YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN...

I SHOULDN'T BE HERE. I DIED A LONG TIME AGO

.. BE BRAVE LIKE LOLO.

I LOVE YOU GUYS, ALL OF YOU--

EVEN YOU, JUDGE DAD.

FATAL CRASH. CRASH. REBOOT IMPOSSIBLE, TOTAL PZ+GRA.M COIL4PSE IMM/NENT. **31% XXXX

YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?

IT'S OVER. I COULD LIVE FOREVER IN THE GRASS, BUT I'D RATHER DIE IN THE REAL WORLD.

THANK YOU.

FOR WHAT?

YOU LET US SEE OUR SISTER ONE LAST TIME.

YOU WERE THE REMAINDER IN THE EQUATION, DREDD.

"YOUR MIND WOULD NOT, *COULD NOT*, TOLERATE THE DISCORD.

"EXISTING IN A PERFECT WORLD, WHERE ALL YOUR CASES HAD CLEAN FIXES *WHAT IS THE LAW FOR IN A WORLD THAT MAKES SENSE?*

"SOMEWHERE INSIDE YOU, NO MATTER WHAT, YOU WOULD HAVE ALWAYS REJECTED THE GRASS. SOMEWHERE INSIDE ME, NO MATTER WHAT, I COULD NOT ACCEPT THE REAL WORLD.

"I TRIED TO MAKE SENSE OF IT, *CONTROL IT*, LIKE THE CONSTANT GARDENER, ALWAYS REFINING, PRUNING."

THE WORLD IS NOT A GARDEN, THE WORLD IS A FORGOTTEN LOT, OVERGROWN WITH WEEDS.

SKRRSSHH
CRSSSH
KRSSSSH

DREDD, LOOK.

IGGY, SHE MUST'VE RELEASED *EVERYONE* FROM THE GRASS WHEN SHE DIED.

WHA-WHAT HAPPENED?

WHERE IS MY MOM?!

GET

SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING! WHERE IS A GRUD-DAMN JUDGE WHEN YOU NEED THEM?!

GET OFF ME! HEY! STOP IT! STOP!

GET

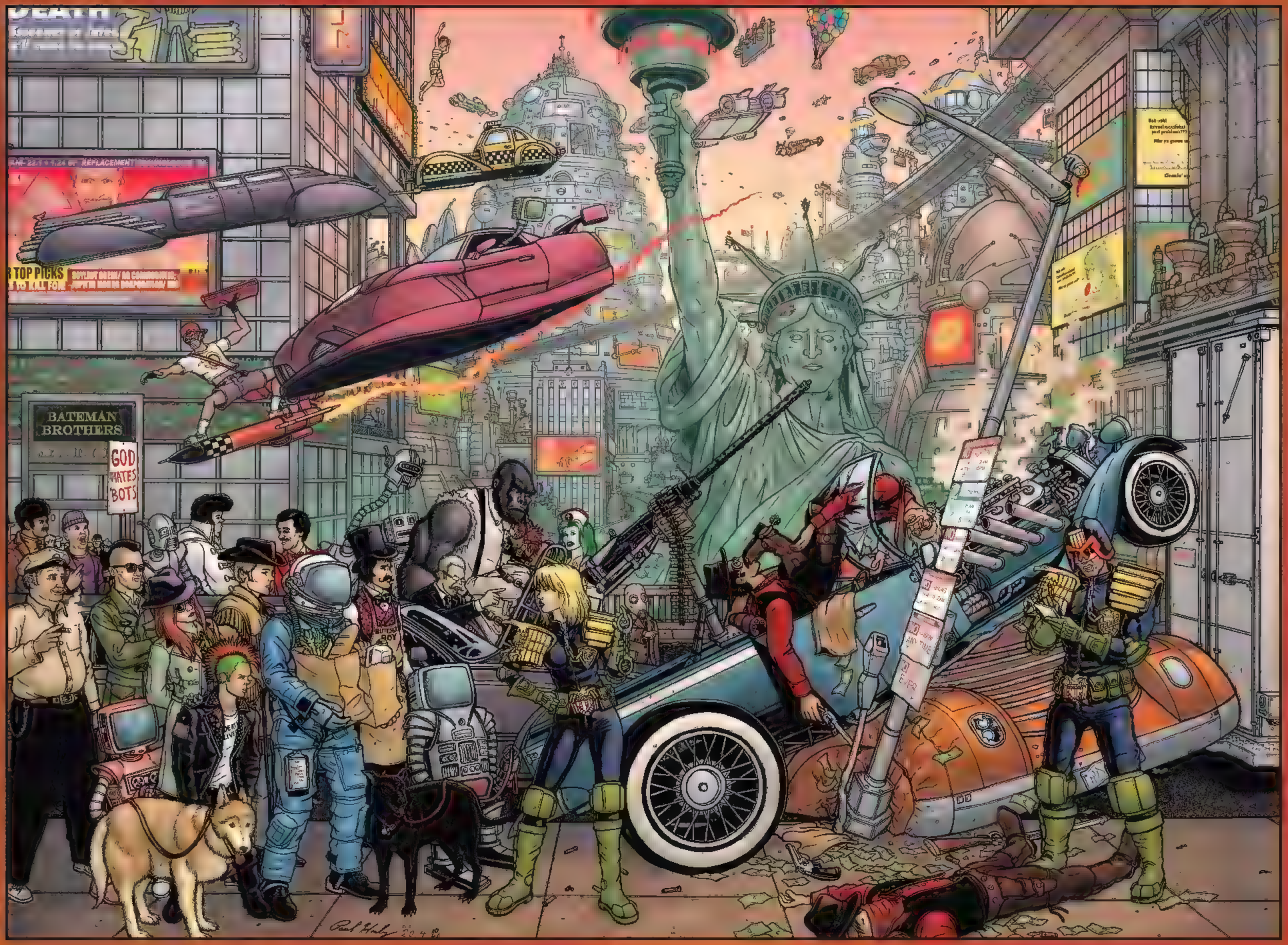
WHERE AM I?

I'VE SEEN THAT MAN IN MY DREAMS FOR YEARS!

THE LAW

THIS IS MEGA-CITY ZERO.

AND I AM THE LAW.


DEATH
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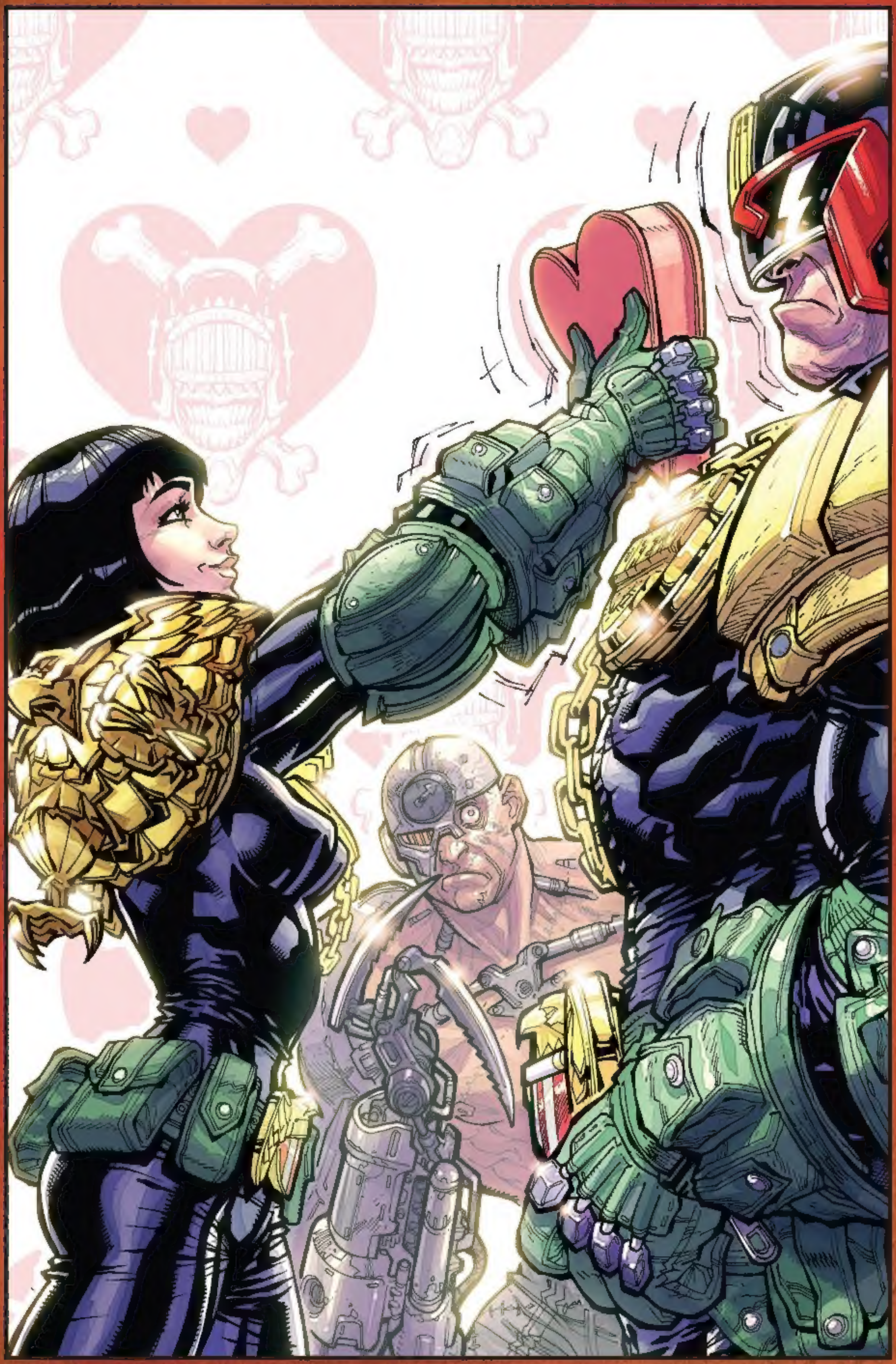

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JUDGE DREDD

MEGA-CITY ZERO

Ushering in a brave new era, Judge Dredd awakens to find that Mega-City One has been sent back to the Stone Age, with city blocks overgrown and nary a citizen to be found. Witness as Dredd struggles to unravel the mystery as he copes with being just an ordinary Joe in extraordinary times.

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